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CHINESE DRIVE FOES TO RIVER

UNITED LABOR DAY IS BARELY BEATEN IN L. A.

Alameda AFL Officials in
Offer to Aid Cops for
"Law and Order"

(See Editorial Page 4)

SAN FRANCISCO—Largest
Labor Day parade in the history
of this city, was forecast here
following statements by John
O'Connell, Central Labor Council
secretary, indicating one united
parade.

"Labor Day is the day of the
working man and working woman
and we are not going to
draw the line anywhere," said
O'Connell.

LOS ANGELES—By a narrow
margin in an oral vote, reactionaries
in the local AFL, Central
Labor Council on Friday
night, August 13, defeated a
move to join with 50,000 members
of the CIO Industrial Council
in a united Labor Day parade.
The close vote showed the
strong sentiment in the unions
for unity.

Amid hooting and shouting by
Teamster delegates who attempted
to squelch any discussion in
the Council, delegate after delegate
pointed out the impression
a united Labor Day parade would
make on Labor's enemies—the
bosses.

Urges Unity

"As long as we are at war
amongst ourselves, we will get
nowhere," one delegate pointed
out. "Let's not be mice—let's
be men—laboring men who realize
that only our own strength
is going to win better working
conditions and higher wages
from the bosses."

"The way to show that strength
to our enemies is to march in
a united Labor Day Parade."

The delegate said the council's
delegates should think in
terms of the men and women
who are walking the picket lines.

CIO Moves for Unity

"At the AFL sponsored Tom
Mooney meeting, the Committee
for Industrial Organization dis-
missed all its meetings in order
that all laboring men and women
could unite in attending
this meeting," he continued. "The
CIO lent its support to us and
they want to do it again in this
parade."

During the entire speech, men
wearing Teamsters union buttons
in the back row of the council
shouted open threats at the delegate.
Despite the continued efforts
to disrupt the speakers,
delegate after delegate spoke for
a unified labor demonstration.

Buzzell Show His Colors
Secretary J. W. Buzzell
termed the voicing of opinions
by the delegates as "factious
brotherly love bunk."

"This parade is no love feast
between the AFL and the CIO,"
he yelled. "The CIO members
are nothing but yellow bums."
Buzzell condoned the recent
slugging of CIO organizers and
rank and file by AFL racketeers.
"We beat them up and they
yell coppers," he declared.

Carpenters Want One Parade
"The splitting of the rank and
file of labor by your officials
is going to beat us down and
we are not going to stand for
it," declared a carpenter's union
delegate.

By a close margin of oral vot-
ing, a motion to file the com-
munication from the CIO asking
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Candidates of Communist Party Enter S. F. Election

Bill Schneiderman, Anita Whitney Head Ticket Against Graft
and for Unity of Labor and Progressive Forces

SAN FRANCISCO—Announcing a platform for a cleanup of corruption, an attack on
the high cost of living, a subway at the expense of those who can afford to pay and for
unity of progressive and labor forces, five Communist candidates last week threw their hats
in the ring of San Francisco municipal elections.

Bill Schneiderman, state sec-
retary of the party, heads the
list of three running for the
board of supervisors. Anita
Whitney, state chairman, is
one of two candidates for
board of education.

Schneiderman's running mates
for the board of supervisors are
Sam Jaye, secretary of Local 110
of the Culinary Alliance, and
Oleta O'Conner, county educa-
tional director of the party and
member of the state and county
committees.

Mini Carson, active member of
the International Ladies Gar-
ment Workers' Union, will cam-
paign with Anita Whitney for
board of education.

Two more candidates for board
of supervisors, making a full
slate for the five vacancies, will
be announced later, the county
committee said.

"While the Communist candi-
dates are entering the campaign
with the definite purpose of put-
ting our platform into effect,"
announced Frank Spector, coun-
ty secretary, "they are prepared
to withdraw from the race in the
event of a labor and progressive
slate being formed."

"Our platform is based on the
needs of the overwhelming ma-
jority of the people of San
Francisco. The maximum unity
is necessary to put it into prac-
tice. We stand for that unity."

Tells Platform

"Our candidates stand for:
"1. A thorough cleanup of cor-
ruption, prosecution of all whose
records show a connection with
the graft ring around city hall to
the end of bringing about an
honest municipal government."

"2. Use of the authority of
the city government in the cam-
paign against the high cost of
living, particularly against the
criminal rise in the price of
milk."

Subway System

"3. Establishment of a subway
system, insisting on the expense
being borne by those who can
afford to pay. This means we
are opposed to the ruinous cost
to the masses of the plan put
forward by the board of super-
visors and we demand that a fin-
ancing plan be drafted putting
the expense on those able to pay."

"4. Unity of all labor and pro-
gressive forces in San Francisco,
not only to oust the present po-
litical gang from City Hall, but
to collaborate in a government
serving the interest of labor and
the majority of the people."

TORIES KILL LABOR BILL

WASHINGTON—The wages
and hours bill was the latest
measure to fall victim to the
Tory axe in Congress.

Southern reactionaries in
the lower house blocked a
meeting of the Democratic
caucus to pledge the party to
the immediate passage of the
wages measure. This reaction-
ary obstruction cleared the
way for the planned adjourn-
ment of Congress by Satur-
day.

er will look a little screwy and
ask "what of a paper is this
anyhow?" But we answer
right back: "The Western Worker
has been officially adopted by
our union and the 'Western' is
the only paper in the whole
damn state that prints the truth
about our strike."

Details of Battle Told

Then Johnny and the other
four newbies, who were pick-
ing into midday meal of Kidney
Sauter, potatoes and peas, told
some of the details of their 84
day battle with the "fink pub-
lishers" of East Bay. They re-
lated how bosses cut their meag-
er wages down by stopping the
1/2 cent a paper bonus, how the
employers threw the red scare,
and how they tried every trick
from police raids to phony con-

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In The Race



ANITA WHITNEY



SAM JAYE

National Maritime Union Forces Ryan To Call Off Strike

NEW YORK—Joseph P. Ryan
on Wednesday called off his
abortive strike against the Na-
tional Maritime Union on coast-
wise ships.

In attempting to halt the Com-
mittee for Industrial Organization
drive on the East Coast, Ryan
and reactionary AFL heads set
up a marine department of the
International Longshoremen's As-
sociation.

The strike was called by Ryan
on the Cherokee, Clyde Mallory
Line, when company officials
withdrew passes issued to his
delegates. Ryan's strong-arm men
had attempted to board the ships
to intimidate NMU crews into
giving up their books for mem-
bership in the ILA.

The NMU replied by taking
13 members of the Cherokee
crew to the National Labor Re-
lations Board to file formal
charges against Ryan.

The NMU threatened to tie
up every ship in port if Ryan's
activities were not stopped.

**Watson Jerks
Council Charter**

RICHMOND—The charter of
the Contra Costa County Cen-
tral Trades and Labor Council
was lifted by Roland Watson,
West Coast representative of
William Green, president of the
American Federation of Labor.

Reason given for the ousting
of the council was that it de-
fied Green's order to expel CIO
union representatives.

PEOPLE GAIN IN HOSPITAL FIGHT

Reactionary Supervisors to
Hold Other Hearings

REDWOOD CITY—With labor
in the lead, the fight for the
construction of a new tubercular
pavilion attached to the San
Mateo Community Hospital has
scored several decisive gains.

Developments in the battle
which has aroused the county
were:

1. The County Board of Super-
visors was forced to extend hear-
ings on the budget and the
Community hospital instead of
ending them on August 13 as
they originally intended.

2. The International Workers
Order, Lodge 800, initiator of
the fight for a new T. B. pavil-
ion blasted the pretext of the
plan's opponents that it would
require an increase in taxes. The
IWO, in a painstaking analysis,
showed that \$125,000 could be
tripped off the present budget
with the funds diverted for a
new pavilion.

3. Mrs. Ruth Close, secretary
of the county Tuberculosis As-
sociation, reneged on her former
stand favoring a visiting nurse
as substitute for a new pavilion.
Said Mrs. Close, "I am neutral
now."

4. Dr. Charles C. Gans, county
health director, stood by his guns
in support of new building des-
pite pressure exerted from re-
actionary county supervisors.

Words Fly in Hearing
The entire issue came to a
head in a four-hour hearing be-
fore the board of supervisors on
August 18. The large court room
in the county courthouse was
jammed and heated interchanges
marked the discussion.

Leading representatives of labor
supported the demand for
a new building. Among them
were A. H. Randall, secretary
of the county Labor Council; J.
McAllister, treasurer, and A. D.
Logge, president. Others repre-
senting the pros were John M.

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"WESTERN" SETS LABOR DAY TO LAUNCH "DAILY" DRIVE

Al Richmond, New Editor, Arrives to Coordinate
Campaign for Powerful People's Champion

Labor Day, September 6, is the deadline for launching the
drive for a daily people's newspaper.

To announce the campaign, a Labor Day edition of the
Western Worker, cram full of pictures and special articles,
will bring greetings from labor's leaders in addition to the
regular news. All forces of the
staff and the Communist Party
are being co-ordinated to make
this issue an example of what
the people may expect the
"Daily" to be.

Supervising the editorial work
for the "Daily" is Al Richmond,
new editor of the Western Worker
and crack newspaperman from
New York. The new editor, former-
ly managing editor of the Sun-
day Worker, arrived last Sun-
day to begin duties immediately.

At the Western Worker picnic
in Valem Park, Richmond
outlined the tasks ahead of the
progressive forces of the West
and stressed the need for a daily
newspaper to combat the grow-
ing attacks of reaction.

"Only a newspaper for the
people, bringing them news and
courage every day," he said, "can
hope to cope with the organized
Tory forces attacking the peo-
ple's liberties through the lies
and distortions of the capitalist
press."

Born and raised in the indus-
trial section of the Bronx—with-
out ten blocks of the R. H. Hoe
Company, biggest manufacturers

SOCIALIST STATE BODY SUSPENDED

National Committee Acts
As Trotskyite Plot to
Split Party Is Bared

(See Editorial, Page 4)

The entire state organization
of the Socialist Party has been
suspended by the Party's Nation-
al Executive Committee, the
Western Worker learned yester-
day.

The suspension was provoked
by the disruptive activities of
the Trotskyist clique which seized
the reins of the state appar-
atus. It follows on the heels of
the expulsion of 52 Trotskyites
in New York.

Ward Rogers, national repre-
sentative of the S. P. in Califor-
nia, has revealed that the sus-
pension was made imperative by
the existence of a plot by the
Trotskyite band to split the
party wide open.

"The situation in this state,
which has grown out of the
drive of the Trotskyist-Appeal
group (hiding behind the signa-
tures of a few native converts)
to gain control of the state ap-
paratus in preparation for a na-
tion-wide split with the party
has reached a stage where na-
tional intervention was impera-
tive," Rogers wrote in a letter
to S. P. members.

Rogers also revealed that the
suspension resulted from wide-
spread pressure of the mem-
bership for such action.

"Up to August 1, a large sec-
tion of the loyal membership of
the party was refusing to re-reg-
ister until they could be assured
that action would be taken to
resolve the present situation and
return the party to normal con-
ditions," he wrote.

The national organization will
conduct an investigation into the
activities of State Executive
Board members and their def-
iance of the decisions of the Na-
tional Convention.

Continuing their splitting
course, California Trotskyites
have served notice that they will
fight the National Committee.
Despite the fact that the S. P.
Constitution empowers the Na-
tional Committee to lift the
charter of any state body, Cray
Trimble, Trotskyite State Sec-
retary, openly challenged this
right in a misleading letter to
the membership. Mrs. Trimble
deliberately falsified the issue by
stating the charter has been re-
voked, when it has been only
temporarily suspended.

In the meantime, Rogers has
been empowered by the National
Committee to take over the files,
records, money, property of the
California organization until the
investigation is completed.

Japanese Retreat Before Defenders' Heroic Attack

China Calls Her "Joan of Arc"



MISS LOH TSEI

Slender Girl Lauds Students' Heroism

Loh Tsei Tells Role of Youth in Forging
Chinese Unity

"The brutality of the Japanese militarists in waging war
on a city of 3,500,000 people has no parallel in the history of
man." These are the words of Loh Tsei, slim, beautiful girl
who is known to her countrymen as the Joan of Arc of
China.

This is the young girl who at
the age of 20 was a leader of
the first student demonstration
in Peiping. She knows the spir-
it of China because in a sense
she is the spirit of China. Her
heroism in opening the West
Gate of Peiping in the face of
brutal police attacks to enable
demonstrating students to enter
the city was one of the many
incidents that have led to the
present heroic resistance of Chi-
na to Japan.

Quiet spoken, with dignity and
warmth, Loh Tsei convinces the
person she is addressing of the
importance and truth of her mes-
sage. She knows her China as
well as she loves it. She is from
the midst of the Chinese strug-
gle and does not return to it
only because she feels that her
work at present is to bring the
story of China to the American
people.

"My Work in America"
"My work, at the present time,
is here in America. Your peo-
ple must know of the bravery of
my people. They must know
of savage destruction of the cen-
ters of art and learning by the
invaders. They must hear of
the slaughtering of women and
children. This is more than a
war in defense of the Chinese
nation, it is a war of defense for
all the things that all people
love."

**"The American people can do
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**Water District's
Cop Shoots Union
Picket At Banning**
(Earlier Details on Page 7)
BANNING, Riverside County—
From the cover of a Metropolitan
Water District truck, a district
policeman shot and wounded D.
D. Smith, picket, last Wednesday
in the strike of the CIO Tunnel,
Subway & Aqueduct Workers
Union on the San Jacinto Tun-
nel, Colorado River Aqueduct.

The policeman shot at but
missed George Coverdale, Ban-
ning newspaperman, and his wife.
The union has put pickets
around water district offices at
770 South San Pedro St., Los
Angeles, with mass picketing
centered on the Los Angeles-
Indio spur highway about a mile
south of the tunnel work at
Cassion.

Bill Gately, union leader, ac-
cused district officials of being
"dominated by the Merchants
& Manufacturers Assn. of Los
Angeles." The district is claim-
ing an agreement would be
"illegal."

The union left maintenance
crews on the job to man pumps
and electrical equipment.

Shantung Conflict Looms
As War Spreads in North
And in Shanghai

SHANGHAI—A China rapidly
throwing together its armed
forces and making use of those
sands who have no arms, is fight-
ing on two fronts with some 80,
000 Japanese expeditionary force.

**CHINESE ADVANCE AS
JAPAN DEFIES NEUTRALS**
SHANGHAI—Chinese forces
Friday morning drove the
Japanese land forces back to-
ward the Whangpoo River. Ja-
panese were fighting desper-
ately to prevent being swept
back to the river's
edge.

The new offensive began
late Thursday and was direct-
ed at preventing the landing
of new Japanese forces rapid-
ly being sent in as reinforce-
ments.

American officials in Shang-
hai, hurrying with the evacu-
ation of American citizens,
sent a thousand new refugees
down the Whangpoo by tender
to the liner President
Hoover and demanded that
the river be kept open to traf-
fic. Chinese have warned
that so long as Japanese war-
ships remain to devastate the
area the Chinese cannot be
responsible for damage done
to foreign lives and property
lost in the effort to drive the
Japanese out.

In Tokyo, Premier Konoye
defied all foreign interference
and declared that any settle-
ment must be reached direct-
ly between Japan and China.

From San Francisco, Chi-
nese supporters of their coun-
try's independence sent \$50,
000 in a single cable transmis-
sion to China. The San Fran-
cisco office of the Korean Na-
tional Association announced
a nation wide plan of Koreans
to raise funds for China.

es whose numbers are being in-
creased daily by thousands.

As the tide of the major Jap-
anese offensive in Shanghai sag-
ged back and forth, Japanese
forces claimed a victory over
Chinese trenches on the out-
skirts of the International Set-
tlement. Their claim came only
after legions of armed Chinese
had braved superior equipment
to drive Japanese forces back
in two strategic areas. The heav-
iest artillery shelling in several
days of a virtual holocaust that
is Shanghai today, shook
Shanghai as the Chinese troops
fought superior equipment.

Long War Certain

The rapid influx of Japanese
troops, not only into Shanghai
but into the North China Pei-
ping-Tientsin area, indicated
strongly that Japan, tactics, in-
line with its economic and po-
litical inability to conduct a long
war, were directed toward rapid
successes before the Chinese peo-
ple are able to organize their
strength.

Despite the preparations which
enable the Japanese to move rap-
idly, Chinese forces in Shanghai
drove back the Japanese in two
areas. A daring party of
Chinese raiders managed to sink
five Japanese river boats to
block off the Whangpoo river to
navigation beyond Shanghai.

Teeming thousands of Chinese
supplemented the armed forces,
organizing raiding parties to
clear out Japanese agents with-
in the native areas, aroused es-
pecially by reported efforts to
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FIVE-CENT SETTLEMENT IS BETRAYAL, DECLARE BAY AREA RAILROAD WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO—"We were
sold down the line."
That's how the majority of
railroad workers in the Bay Area
characterized the five-cent wage
raise okaved by the recent meet-
ing of general chairmen of the
14 railroad non-operating crafts
in Chicago.

Raps Grand Chiefs
"The grand chiefs and the gen-
eral chairmen completely ignored
the wishes and desires of the
rank and file," declared one irate
worker in the Southern Pacific
shops in San Francisco, when in-
terviewed by a Western Worker
reporter.

**"We voted to strike for our
full demands of 20 cents an hour
raise, and we meant it."**
Apparently influenced by the
autocratic national set-up in the
railroad unions, with strong dic-
tatorial powers exercised by the
grand chiefs, the local officials
of the railroad unions refused to
give any official comment on
the agreement.

"Some of the men are for it,
and some are against it and I think
we could have got more," stated
one official of the Brotherhood
of Railway & Steamship Clerks,
"but you'd better see our general
chairman when he gets back
from Chicago for an official state-
ment."

"Don't Think Much of It"
An official in one of the rail-
way brotherhoods, whose nation-
al chiefs are now negotiating for
a 20 per cent wage raise, in
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State Agricultural-Cannery Parley Called in L. A. Sept. 4

HIT ATTEMPT TO HAMSTRING LABOR BOARD

Alameda CIO Body Wires Immediate Protests To Congress

OAKLAND—On receipt of information that an employer attempt to hamstring the National Labor Relations Board would be made in Congress, the Alameda County Industrial Union Council, CIO, wired immediate telegrams of protest last Monday night to senators and representatives in Washington attacking a threatened 50 per cent cut in Congressional appropriations for the NLRB.

The wires went to Carter Glass, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Edward Taylor, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; California Senators McAdoo and Johnson, and the Alameda County Congressmen.

Move Headquarters

The Industrial Union Council voted to move CIO headquarters to 336 Broadway, which will probably be done after Monday night's council meeting, to be held at the old place, 531 11th St.

Harry G. Steinmetz, San Diego, vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers, predicted the Teachers will vote CIO at their convention in Madison, Wis., this month, in an address to the council.

OAKLAND NEWSIES WINNING STRIKE

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And Sid of the "commissary department" told in turn how the vendors organized to withstand the onslaughts of the publishers, how they had 90 pickets with three shifts of thirty men each, from 8 in the morning to 12:30 at night, and how they organized their kitchen so each picket got two squares a day, the newsies.

These tactics, the union officials were eager to explain, had finally weakened the refusal of the six Bay area dailies to bargain collectively and the publishers had made their first offer to the striking newsboys last Friday.

The newspapers have offered a \$12 weekly guarantee, eight-hour day and 48-hour week for full time corners and a \$7 guarantee for part time corners, with union recognition and preferential hiring.

Jokers in Offer
According to the fellows, however, the union recognition and preferential hiring clauses were the jokers, as the publishers still insist on regarding the newsies as "independent merchants" rather than employees. The proposed agreement stipu-

BUY UP "WESTERNERS"

OAKLAND — Alarmed by the growing popularity of the Western Worker, the Oakland Tribune has been trying to keep them off the market by buying up the supply. A representative of the Oakland paper offered a newsboy \$1.50 for his supply of twenty on a downtown corner here Monday. The offer was refused.

Newsboys on strike against the Tribune and five other Bay Area dailies, have been finding a ready sale for the Western Worker here.

lates that the union must have its application in immediately when a corner is vacated or the employers will be free to hire a non-union man.

The boys pointed out further that the offer fails to name their union (Newspaper CIO) specifically as the bargaining agent but only states that the publishers will recognize "a union" as the bargaining agent.

Another objection of the unionists is that the proposal as formulated applies only to downtown corners, permitting the use of slot machines elsewhere. Complete elimination of the job-deceiving automatic apparatus and extension of the agreement to cover the entire East Bay, including Berkeley are demanded.

When I asked John Dunlap, picket dispatcher, what the prospects were, he replied: "We're going to get just about what we want and not jump at any fishy offer. It'll be slow but sure—slow but sure."

Daily "Western" Exciting
Returning to the first subject, I questioned: "Say you fellows have heard about our Daily Western Worker that's coming out starting New Year's Day?" Quick assent. "Well, we're breaking our necks to work in every improvement possible to make that daily the smoothest on the Coast. Your job is to sell papers. What do you think would make a fast selling progressive sheet?"

The boys had evidently given the matter some thought for quick as a flash they yelled at most in one voice: "Sports! what makes sparkin' papers easy is

Leader of China's Heroic Defenders



GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK shown leaving a policy conference of military leaders at Lu-shang shortly before Chinese crack troops were rushed to the defense of Shanghai.

OPEN-SHOPPERS PLAN COAST BAND OF COMPANY UNIONS

Douglas Aircraft Stooze Heads Move; Assn. Linked With Girdler

LOS ANGELES — Open-shop employers of the Pacific Coast are entering a new phase of activity against the labor movement, it was learned here today. A company union organizer announced plans to form an "Independent Union Association" of some 280 company unions on the Coast for "protection from the activities of international labor groups."

Michael Fanning, who is active in the infamous "Aircraft Workers Union" of the Douglas Aircraft Corp. here, made the announcement, naming himself as chairman of a special organizing committee.

Not "Necessarily!"
"Independent unions aren't necessarily company organizations," said Fanning.

Although no announcement was made to this effect, the proposed set-up is believed to be linked with the national com-

slick, snappy coverage of things folks do and go to when they ain't working — have a sports page!"

"You should stick in some radio programs and more about movies," volunteered another vendor, "a lot of people ask me: 'Does this Western Worker have radio and movie news?' I always tell them that the paper has everything but that way they sometimes don't come back for another copy."

Leaving strike headquarters, I ambled down to the Oakland Tribune Building on 13th and Franklin and put the same question to picket Jess Chamber.

"The boys were right," Jess agreed. "The Worker needs a good bang-up sports page and plenty of funny features—people like to laugh. Say, I sure wish you had that Daily Western Worker now. That'd show these link papers (indicating the Tribune building) what a real sheet looks like. Then, by God, maybe we could all work for the Western and run the Tribune ragged!"

ROOSEVELT LASHES AMERICAN TORIES FOR OPPOSITION TO MAJORITY RULE

MANTEO, Roanoke Island, N. C.—Present day American Tories, declared President Roosevelt in a nationally broadcast radio speech delivered here, "disturb majority rule because an enlightened majority will not tolerate the abuses which a privileged minority seek to foist upon the people."

These same Tories, the President said "love to intone praise of liberty, to mouth phrases about the sanctity of the constitution."

The President spoke at exercises commemorating the 350th anniversary of Virginia Dare, first child born of English parentage in America.

Throughout his address the President drew parallels in current American politics with a letter written in 1857 by the British writer, Lord Macaulay, who declared that democracy could not prevail in America.

"Almost, methinks, I am reading not from Macaulay but from a resolution of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Lib-

erty League, the National Association of Manufacturers or the editorialists written at the behest of some well-known newspaper proprietors," President Roosevelt said.

Whereas Macaulay condemned the American scheme of government, he continued, "In this country 80 years later his successors do not yet dare openly condemn the American form of government by popular majority, for they profess adherence to the form, while at the same time, their every act shows their opposition to the very fundamentals of democracy."

While lashing vigorously at his right wing attackers, the President made clear his own position, reminiscent of his Schenck speech during the election campaign:

"I conceive it to be true," he said, "that I am just as strongly in favor of the security of property and the maintenance of order as Lord Macaulay, or as the American Lord Macaulays who thunder today."

When one sees and feels the spirit that moves Loh Tsei and the Chinese people, the sacrifice and bravery behind the slogan, "Everything for the War," means one thing only, the Chinese people are invincible.

Marine Cooks Vote For CIO Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO—The Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union now is balloting on a coastwise basis, to elect three delegates to the CIO Unity Conference for the Pacific Coast. The election will be held in the field.

The Cooks' Union is the only one of the three unlicensed seamen's groups on this coast to vote participation in the Unity Conference. The Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Assn. again Thursday

turned down a proposal to send representatives to the meeting, which was called by the CIO to cement unity between unlicensed seamen on a nation-wide scale.

Protect Local Autonomy

"All the CIO asks," Bridges said, "is that the different crafts affiliate to the National Maritime Federation. All matters of local application are to be left in the hands of local affiliates."

Matters of national significance, such as hiring, national uniform working conditions and agreements, a national constitution and election of national officials will be put to the entire rank and file for referendum.

He took issue with those who cry for "pure industrial unionism" in one breath and vote down the line with the reactionary AFL officials in the next.

National Agreement by '38

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Sugar Barons Hire Special Prosecutor in Trial of Nine Filipinos

SAN FRANCISCO — All the forces at the command of the powerful Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Assn. are being used in an attempt to railroad nine Filipinos to prison for leading the big sugar strike on the island of Maui, it was learned today by the Hawaiian Defense Committee.

The nine strike leaders are now on trial in Honolulu on framed charges of having "kidnapped" a fellow Filipino. They are being defended by Grover Johnson, Int'l Labor Defense attorney who flew from California on the China Clipper after an urgent appeal for aid.

Special Prosecutor

An indication of the lengths to which the sugar barons will go in their attempt to railroad the workers is revealed in the fact that the prosecution is headed by William B. Lynner, special counsel for the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Assn. and ex-Hoover Federal Judge in Hawaii. The case is being heard before Judge H. E. Stafford, Honolulu, T. H. to whom protest resolutions should be sent demanding the release of the nine Filipino strike leaders.

Need Defense Funds

The sugar barons are intent on jailing the labor leaders for one year on flimsy charges of third-degree conspiracy. The man whom they are alleged to have kidnapped was one of the original strike committee members who turned traitor.

Funds for the defense of these men are urgently needed and should be sent to the Committee for Defense of Hawaiian Workers, Room 409, 1005 Market St., San Francisco. The committee urges organizations and individuals to donate.

Slim Girl Lauds Students' Heroism

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much to aid China in this bitter time. Your people must call on your government to invoke the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg Pact. Your people can give the material aid to help China defend herself."

The Student Movement of China has been the spear-head in the drive to unify the country. The two student demonstrations in December of 1935 were the sparks that have lighted all China. A student strike spread throughout the entire country. Student Corps we organized to carry the call of resistance into the villages, factories, and into the army. Demonstrations were organized, meetings called, constant education carried on.

The success of the agitation in the army was forcibly demonstrated in Peiping at a meeting which took place in June of 1935. The police and parts of the 29th army were sent to break up a student sponsored meeting. The soldiers surrounded the students and defended them from the police.

Loh Cries With Joy
Loh Tsei was a member of a Student Corps that was sent into a little village close to Peiping. "The officials were not going to permit us to talk to the people. When it seemed that our journey was a failure, we saw a large parade of grammar school children marching. They were carrying a great banner, 'Little Friends of the Student Corps.' It was very moving, I cry."

Arriving in this country during November of last year from Europe, where she had been sent as a delegate from the Chinese Students' Union to the League of Nations Association sponsored World Youth Congress, she has been touring the United States since that time speaking on China.

When one sees and feels the spirit that moves Loh Tsei and the Chinese people, the sacrifice and bravery behind the slogan, "Everything for the War," means one thing only, the Chinese people are invincible.

Marine Cooks Vote For CIO Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO—The Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union now is balloting on a coastwise basis, to elect three delegates to the CIO Unity Conference for the Pacific Coast. The election will be held in the field.

The Cooks' Union is the only one of the three unlicensed seamen's groups on this coast to vote participation in the Unity Conference. The Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Assn. again Thursday

turned down a proposal to send representatives to the meeting, which was called by the CIO to cement unity between unlicensed seamen on a nation-wide scale.

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People Rally To Cut Rents; Begin Drive Against Slums

Federation Announces Program Against Organized Realty Sharks in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, August 18 — Formal launching of a wide-scale membership drive to combat continued rent boosts was announced last Monday night, August 16, when more than 150 persons attended a meeting of the Federation Against the High Cost of Living held at the Metropolitan High School.

With Miss Esther McCoy as chairman, speakers at the meeting included R. H. Kee, member of the Regional Planning Commission and a representative of Supervisor Gordon McDonough; Hugh Campbell, secretary of the Painters' District Council; Maxwell Greenfield, organizer for the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers' union; and Walter Wright Alley, member of the Municipal Housing Commission.

Quoting from an English housing expert, Alley declared that "I am utterly astonished to find that the slums in Los Angeles, while mainly potential, have the ability to develop into ones as bad as in any city in Europe."

Support Promised

Assurance of thorough support was promised the Federation by Planning Commissioner Kee. While managing to avoid specific and local problems, Kee declared that "what the United States has done in the Canal Zone in the way of housing, it can do here."

Mrs. W. H. Terry, Negro member of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party, pointed out the need for organization of tenants and small-home owners to protect

themselves against "the organized realty interests."

Decided advances have been shown by the Federation in its less than three months' existence. With an approximate membership of over 500, the organization includes several affiliated trade unions, civic and social organizations.

Chief line of activity in the past two weeks for the Federation has been the drive to obtain endorsement of its program from local city, county, and business organizations. Delegations from the group have recently visited and obtained approval of its program from the Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles Realty Board, the Municipal Housing Commission, and the Apartment Owners Association.

Program Outlined

Consisting of four main points, the Federation's program demands: (1) Lower rents; (2) No eviction for non-payment of unwarrantable rent increases; (3) Enforcement of state and municipal health and housing laws; and (4) Large-scale public housing.

Branching out from the large central organization already established, the Federation, according to its secretary, Miss Esther McCoy, is to begin forming neighborhood groups on the basis of neighborhood issues.

"After all," said Miss McCoy, "rent increases and eviction are neighborhood issues and should be dealt with by a neighborhood organization."

DOCKERS OUST VICE PRESIDENT

Bridges Clarifies Issues of CIO at Mass Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—James F. Kennedy, vice president of the San Francisco local of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union and publisher of an anti-CIO sheet on the local waterfront, this week was recalled from office.

Recall came when a petition was presented to President Henry Schmidt signed by considerably more than the required 15 per cent of the paid-up union membership.

Kennedy, along with Dispatcher Ralph Mallen and Henry Schrimpf, comprise an anti-CIO nucleus. The group was repudiated at a longshore meeting last Monday by a 2700-300 vote.

Pedro Wants CIO

Roy Donnelly, first vice president of the coast longshoremen and San Pedro local president, here Tuesday night declared the San Pedro dock workers are strongly in favor of the CIO. He said the attempt to reopen the question of affiliation "is prompted by a minority group of old-guard diehards."

More than 100 Maritime Federation members attended a mass meeting at Scottish Rite Auditorium here Tuesday night to hear reports of delegates to the Federation Convention at Portland and the CIO Maritime Conference at Washington, D. C.

Leaders of the anti-CIO seamen's group failed to appear.

Bridges Reports

Sentiment of the meeting was overwhelmingly CIO. Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO District Director, reported on both meetings. He reported the actions of a certain group at the Portland Convention for failing to consider the desires of the rank and file.

To the charge the CIO is "undemocratic" he pointed out that delegates to the Washington CIO conference handed John L. Lewis their own program, which the CIO accepted in full.

He reminded those present that the 1936 Maritime Federation Convention went on record to amalgamate the three unlicensed seamen's groups on the Pacific Coast. This has not been done although it is directly in line with CIO objectives.

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Warehousemen Are Framed By Alameda Court

OAKLAND—Warehousemen who had been striking the Alameda plant of the California Packing Corporation for nine months, went back to work this week.

No agreement was signed. Meantime, two of the five warehousemen framed on charges of assault with a deadly weapon following an unprovoked attack on the picket line March 10 were convicted in Judge Lincoln S. Church's court last Tuesday.

They were Paul Perez and Tony Cardinale. J. J. MacDonald, Edward Burns and Manuel Relva were acquitted.

Convictions came despite the fact witnesses testified warehousemen were peacefully picketing when police charged them with clubs and tear gas.

BASQUES HALT FASCIST DRIVE

New Government Troops, Planes at Santander

MADRID—Tumultuous fighting and Loyalist re-capture of several towns on the Santander front in the Biscay region to the north was reported here by the Spanish government.

The action came in a three-

PEOPLE'S ARMY ROUTS FASCISTS

MADRID, Aug. 19—Loyalist defenders of Spain hurled back fascists advancing on Santander in fierce hand-to-hand fighting today. Franco's mercenaries retreated three miles after suffering heavy losses.

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SEATTLE COPS ATTACK GUILD

Seattle Star Has 5 More Pickets Arrested

SEATTLE — Mayor Dore's strike-breaking police arrested five pickets for the Seattle Newspaper Guild here last Wednesday on charges of "rioting" when the cops "escorted" printers through the picket line.

Arrested were H. Richard Selzer, local Guild president; Roy F. Ryerson, Paul Pemberton, Guild members; Philip Davis, Teachers' Union; and Fred Hudson, newsboy.

The Seattle Star has locked out the Guild.

ALAMEDA OFFICIALS OFFER TO AID COPS

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for a united labor day parade was carried.

OAKLAND—Reactionary officials of Alameda County's "purged" AFL Central Labor Council have offered their services to the police against organized labor in a letter to City Manager John F. Hassler promising cooperation to "enforce law and order" on Labor Day.

This was seen as a direct threat against the CIO Industrial Council, which has been refused a permit to march in the regular morning parade.

Gangster Tactics

What form this "cooperation" would take was not specified, but judging from gangster tactics being increasingly employed of late by reactionary labor leaders, workers declared it seemed likely that they intend to mobilize their "beef squads" in order to provoke a riot.

Hassler, in refusing the Industrial Council a permit for a morning parade, suggested that they march at 2 p.m.

THREE MARITIME UNIONS SERVE NOTICE OF DESIRE FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

agreement modifications.

Condemn Copeland Bill
The Sailors' Union of the Pacific, at Monday's membership meeting, passed a resolution condemning legislation proposed by Senator Royal S. Copeland which would abolish union control of hiring halls and establish hiring through the United States shipping commissioners.

At the same time, emphatic denial came from Captain E. T. Pinchin, Masters, Mates and Pilots and member of the Committee for Industrial Organization maritime group, that he had ever given his consent to Copeland's anti-union proposal.

Mervyn Rathborne, secretary of the CIO Maritime Committee, also denied the report and announced Captain Pinchin had been suspended from the CIO committee pending thorough investigation.

Pinchin was a member of the Senate technical advisory committee to study maritime problems.

Some 25 officially chartered cannery, field, fish and dairy workers unions will be represented at a district convention of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers Committee for Industrial Organization of America, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, to be held in Los Angeles on Labor Day week-end, September 4.

Donald Henderson, president of the national union, will be in California in time to address the delegates to the convention.

Purpose of the convention, as outlined in the official call sent out by the Cannery & Agricultural Organizing Committee, CIO, District No. 2, Room 507, 593 Market St., San Francisco, is as follows:

1. To form a District body with its own officers, constitution and by-laws to give guidance and support to the activities of the unions in California, Arizona and Nevada (District No. 2).

2. To work out methods for reaching workers in these territories outside of California.

3. To take stock of conditions in the various territories where we already have set up locals and see how best to improve our work.

4. To develop a state legislative program for the coming legislative session.

5. To take into consideration problems of the working farmers of California and plan a program of cooperation with them.

6. To plan organizational campaigns for the coming season and local, state and federal proposals to tide members over the slack season.

The CIO field and cannery unions have made splendid progress since their new industrial union was chartered July 10 last, declared Agricultural Director A. C. Rogers, who signed the convention call.

5-Cent Settlement Branded Sell-out

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Chicago, refused to give any official comment on the agreement for the 14 non-operating crafts.

"Personally," he said, however, "I don't think much of it."

A general chairman in one of the 14 crafts stated his organization never gave news to any newspapers, but said: "I read your paper all the time. It's a good paper."

Other Demands Ignored
Rank and files in the S. P. shops were more outspoken.

Nazis Promoting Trade Treaty with Japan Vassal State

PLAN LAID TO SELL GERMAN IRON & STEEL

German Firms Disclosed as Preparing Deal With Manchukuo

SHANGHAI—Manchukuo-German foreign trade, will be promoted by credits assigned by German firms, according to a dispatch in the China Weekly Review, quoting from Japanese sources. Manchukuo is the puppet state of Japan, set up under Japanese control after the conquest of Manchuria by Japan in 1931.

The leading machinery companies of Germany, including the two leaders, Otto Wolke and Demark, have offered the establishment of a Yen 120,000,000 credit to the Manchukuo Government in connection with the sale of different iron and steel machinery and tools from Germany to Manchukuo. Negotiations are now under way between the two parties concerned.

Proposed Agreement
The details of the proposed Yen 120,000,000 credit follow:

1. Settlement of accounts is to be made in six years with an annual installment of Yen 20,000,000.

2. The State of Manchukuo is to purchase Yen 120,000,000 worth of iron and steel goods from the German machinery companies participating in the establishment of the present credit.

3. The value of the Manchukuo's purchases in connection with the present credit is to be included in the official Manchukuo's import value statement in the Manchukuo-German trade agreement.

Industrialists Negotiate
The Asahi of July 8 stated that Dr. Karl Knoll, German Trade Representative in Manchukuo, had been negotiating with the Manchukuo Government in connection with the establishment of a credit not exceeding Yen 100,000,000 for Manchukuo.

The Manchukuo Government, on June 30 and July 7, invited Dr. Knoll and Herr Redlich, director of the Far Eastern Division of the Wolke Company and Herr Shannolt, chief of the Daren Branch of the company, to exchange views on the German offer with the representatives of the Board of General Affairs, the Department of Economics, the Department of Industry and the Manchukuo Central Bank.

PG&E BEFORE LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON—Oral arguments have been heard here by the National Labor Relations Board on charges of unfair labor practices brought by the CIO United Electrical & Radio Workers Union against the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., San Francisco.

The U. E. R. W. is asking an election among 10,000 outside employees, T. A. F. L. Union, Electricians, and Street Railway Employees, are also represented in the hearings, trying to claim jurisdiction for their craft unions.

A PG&E company union, California Gas and Electrical Employees Assn., is also making claims.

100 CROCKETT ANTI-FASCISTS JOIN TO RAISE \$100 FOR SPAIN CHILDREN

CROCKETT, Calif.—Help for Spain comes in small quantities! Mrs. Virginia Trigales certainly found it so, and she found that there are many who will give. She and her husband, H. Trigales, are the proprietors of the Labor Hotel here. Every day they see workers.

This is a city mostly run by the notorious C. & H. Sugar Company, but its citizens are mostly working people. They dislike fascism, particularly those who have been in Italy. Mrs. Trigales kept a collection list and recently turned over \$100 to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. It will be used for relief of Spanish children.

Nearly 100 people contributed. Here is the list, and how much each gave. Note that Mrs. Trigales herself started it off with \$5.30.

Crockett shows how! Mrs. Trigales, \$5.30; Joe Luca, \$5; Francisco Medeiros, \$2; Antonio Samuel, \$1; Javier Salgado, \$3; Manuel Gomez, \$2; John Triba, \$2; A. Corderin, \$2; Alfred Lopez, \$2; A. Losada, \$2; Joe Goicoechea, \$1; Mrs. Joe Ogando, \$1; Mrs. R. Zaballero, \$1; Mrs. M. Gimenez, \$1; Joe Gonzalez, \$1.

Faustino Pagni, \$5; Eduardo Almeida, \$1; F. A. Mendi, \$1; F. Feveiro, \$1; John Mortensen, \$1; Mateo Silva, \$5; H. Gonzales, \$1; R. Ries, \$1.

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Speakers Back Bill for Jobless At WPA Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO—Conservation, of natural and human resources, was the keynote of the recent WPA exhibition of project activities held in Polk Hall at the City Auditorium. At the opening exercises on Sunday, the chief speakers were Mr. Reilly of the Board of Supervisors, Wm. Mooser, Area Manager of the WPA, and Wm. Maxwell, county organizer of the Workers' Alliance. All speakers emphasized the great value of the WPA program both from the standpoint of work done and the relief of unemployed.

Maxwell, in his remarks, stressed the need for popular support of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution to stop WPA cuts and told of the 18 Workers' Alliance delegates from California who had left on the national march on Washington, the day before.

UNION OFFERS STRIKE TERMS

CIO Cannery & Preserve Workers Make Bid

SAN FRANCISCO—In an announcement by Director A. C. Rogers, of the CIO Cannery & Agriculture Organizing Committee, Cannery & Preserve Workers' Union Local 14 offered last Thursday to return to work in the Tea Garden Cannery, San Jose and Pacific Sits, on the following basis:

"All employees working at the time of the walkout May 20 should be put to work immediately. Neither the CIO nor American Federation of Labor to take any steps to prevent the return.

Ask NLRB Election
"The firm to agree for the National Labor Relations Board to conduct an election, permitting employees to decide whether a CIO or AFL union shall be their collective bargaining agency."

"The strikers are willing to return under the same conditions existing when the strike was called. No negotiations for any changes in hours, wages or working conditions shall be instituted until the employee election is held."

A company union chartered in the AFL by Secretary Vandeleur of the State Federation, has been trying to "muscle in" in an attempt to disrupt the Cannery & Preserve Workers Union.

Phumas County Lumber Barons Charged With Unfair Labor Practices

SAN FRANCISCO—The regional office of the National Labor Relations Board has issued complaints of unfair labor practices against the Meadow Valley Lumber Co. and the Crane Creek Lumber Co., both of Plumas County, which have been discharging men for joining the CIO United Woodworkers' Union No. 38.

Arbitrary discharge of Edwin G. Gilbert, CIO organizer, by the Meadow Valley Co., is included in the charges.

U. S. ARMS ARE USED AGAINST CHINA PEOPLE

Italy, Germany and Japan Get Advantage Under 'Neutrality Act'

WASHINGTON—In the year ending November 30, 1936, the United States illustrated the meaning of the "neutrality act" by selling to Japan \$1,176,137.98 worth of arms, ammunition and implements of war, according to the reports of the State Department's National Munitions Control Board. In the seven months following the total was \$209,026.57. Most of these purchases were for airplanes and airplane parts—perhaps the very planes that have been raining death on the people of China in the present conflict.

The revelations, it was pointed out by the American League Against War and Fascism, are an accompaniment to the fact that the action of Japan in China is almost an exact parallel in major respects to that of Italy in Ethiopia and Italy and Germany in Spain. Both were preceded by wholesale espionage and both were prepared in advance by wide mobilization of war equipment and expansionist propaganda.

Scrap Iron

Most significant, however, is the purchase of scrap iron, steel and tinplate here by Japan. The general manager of the Alaskan Railroad told a House Committee recently that every bit of scrap iron on that railroad was sold to Japan and loaded at Seward at \$2 a ton. Japan has been buying all the scrap it could lay its hands on, and there is no reason to believe that the railroad's scrap iron is not still finding its way to the munitions plants of the Island Empire.

In the first five months of 1937 the United States shipped 1,045,963 gross tons of scrap iron and steel to Japan, according to the reports of the United States Department of Commerce. It is significant that this amount for the five-month period is more than all the scrap iron and steel shipped to Japan from the United States in all of 1936 (1,009,767 gross tons). The scrap iron and steel shipments jumped from 32,246 gross tons, in January, 1937, to 438,634 gross tons in May, 1937. The tinplate shipped to Japan during the first five months of 1937 came to 25,904 gross tons.

Kellogg Pact

Paul M. Reid, executive secretary of the American League Against War and Fascism, has pointed out that in the Kellogg Pact and the 9 Power Treaty the United States has instruments which can be used to stop Japanese aggression in China. The United States Neutrality Act, on the other hand, shows its weakness, even more clearly than in the Spanish crisis because it hits American interests more closely. The Act, if imposed, would bar all aid from China, which is defending itself against Japanese aggression, and give the Pacific Ocean over to the Japanese fleet.

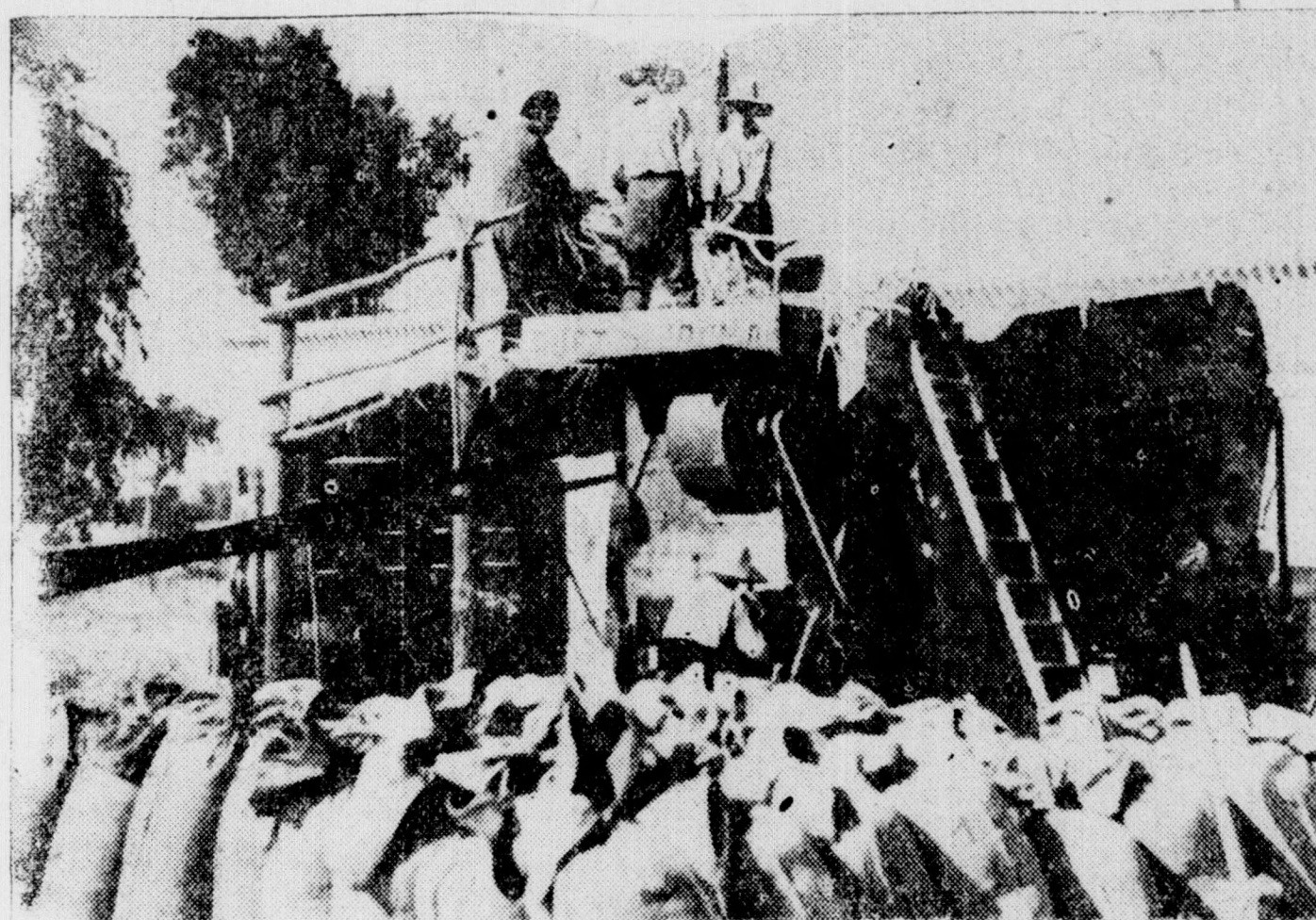
Desertions, Suicides Reach High Mark In Germany's Army

WASHINGTON—Desertions and suicides, having reached an alarming rate in the Nazi military forces, are being treated by a combination of silence, executions and explanations that they are caused by "affairs of the heart."

This was disclosed by an item in "The Week," confidential news bulletin from London. The informant "found much anxiety in Reichswehr circles on account of the staggering number of suicides and desertions that have taken place in the army during the last six months. He discovered that 83 soldiers from Königsberg, Upper Silesia, Dresden and South Bavaria had committed suicide this year.

"These suicides were only reported in the press when they were already public knowledge, that is, where at Fulda a soldier threw himself out of a window on to the street, or at Siegen, where a young conscript put a bullet through his temple. In all cases the only permissible explanation was unrequited love. "The number of desertions is so alarming that now, as a deterrent, deserters are summarily executed. Thus at three o'clock in the afternoon of June 1st, seven soldiers fell before the firing squad in the police prison at Neudorf-Wedau in Düsseldorf. "Our informant states that even this ferocity has not had the expected effect and desertions now threaten to reach limits as high as those in 1917. That this should happen now, in time of peace, is sorely vexing the War Office. The chief cause of desertion is genuine fear of war and especially of being sent to Spain."

Harvesting Within Range of Franco's German-made Cannon



SPANISH FARMERS operate a wheat threshing machine in a village near the battle front while Franco's big guns rain death on the peace-loving folk nearby. The wheat is transported to the rear to supply bread for soldiers and civilians.

MEXICO LABOR WARNS OWNERS

50,000 Protest Increased Costs of Living

MEXICO CITY—The country's own classes are playing with fire if they do not react to the great public demonstration to reduce the cost of living. So declared Vicente Toledano, General Secretary of the CTM, (Confederation of Mexican Workers) speaking to 50,000 organized workers at the city's central plaza before the National Palace.

If the present crisis in the living standards of the people is indefinitely prolonged, he stated, no one will be able to restrain his indignation of the people nor their determination to secure food, and if riots are provoked, it will not be the fault of the people's leaders.

Toledano recalled that almost six months ago, the CTM presented a long memorandum to the responsible government officials pointing out the causes for the rise of prices and proposing scientific bases for dealing with the situation. No reply has so far been received to that communication.

At present, Mexico offers the extreme contradiction, Lombardo pointed out, of a flourishing business boom in which profits and production are reaching new heights as contrasted with a steadily deteriorating standard of living for the masses. The most important single measure which the CTM again proposes to the government is the rigid control of credit and banking structure for the purpose of shutting off the flow of easy credit for speculative purposes and of deflecting it into productive channels.

German Production Of Grain Dropping

WASHINGTON—This year's grain crop in Germany represents a deficiency of three million tons below usual domestic consumption, according to an analysis made by Farm Research, Inc.

The drop was attributed in a large measure to the fact that manufacture of farm machinery under the Hitler government is being sacrificed for armaments. With grain production from nine to 10 per cent lower this year than last, the Third Reich has been forced to increase its wheat imports twelve-fold, to 600,000 tons.

Pedro Teamsters Denied Probation in Frame-up

SAN PEDRO—Jack L. Bruce, 34, and John B. Salter, 27, Teamster Union members, both of San Pedro were denied probation on their 180-day sentence to L. A. Jail on frame-up charges of "assault" against two seab truck drivers.

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Hitler's Funds Shrink As German Bond Issues Lag

BERLIN—Reflecting the increasingly serious financial situation in Germany the 700,000,000 mark (about \$280,000,000) bond issue that was offered August 17th is not moving with the speed hoped for by the government. Only 100,000,000 marks (a round \$40,200,000) have been subscribed.

Germany's periodic efforts to obtain money in the world market are becoming ever more difficult. External bond offerings are an admission that the German government's onslaughts against the miserable living standards of the people is meeting resistance. Foreign capital is apparently aware of the bad internal situation and is not taking to the bait.

The German internal debt now stands at 2,265,000,000 marks (about \$990,000,000) and is growing at an alarming rate. Opposed to this the U. S. has cut her foreign indebtedness to practically nothing. All purchases are either on a cash basis, or on funded long term credits previously arranged. At the same time the Soviet Union is cutting its foreign obligations, while its prices on internal commodities have again been lowered.

NOTABLES AID BOYS IN SPAIN

SAN FRANCISCO—Prominent labor leaders, writers and artists of California—all are "Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade." The organization by that name has now established its California headquarters at 715 Ashbury street in San Francisco.

Warren Denton, E. F. Dillon, John D. Barry, Assemblyman Elton Patterson, L. A. Supervisor John Anson Ford, and L. A. Mayor George Gallagher and James Cagney are some of the sponsors of the California branch.

"So many people are anxious to send gifts to the boys in Spain," states Miss Lona Wells, executive secretary of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, "but they don't quite know how to go about it. If they will contact us in our office at 715 Ashbury, we will be glad to help them out."

"We send money and materials to our headquarters in New York, where they are forwarded in huge monthly shipment directly to Spain. We particularly urge all friends and relatives of the Americans fighting on Spanish battlefronts to get in touch with us, as we receive by cable the latest news from Albacete, Spain."

Other state officers include George Anderson, chairman and Tom Ward, treasurer.

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CHINA PREPARES FOR LONG WAR BY PURCHASE OF FIFTY MILLIONS' WORTH OF ARMS

Finance Minister Kung Sees Protracted Struggle, With Manpower of the Chinese As Decisive

VIENNA—China's determination to fight Japan as long as Japan remains on Chinese soil emerged more definitely here as H. H. Kung, Chinese finance minister, announced conclusion of a deal for the purchase of fifty million dollars' worth of munitions from the Skoda works in Czechoslovakia.

"I have also entered negotiations," said Kung, "with other Czechoslovakian firms, and these negotiations are still proceeding." Answering questions from reporters he said: "For the moment we have no intention of buying munitions in Russia, but we have made small purchases of war material in Austria."

China's Reserves

"I honestly believe," he continued, "that Chinese reserves are amply sufficient to win a war against Japan if formal hostilities break out. The war, if it really breaks out, will be a long one and will be a grueling test of our people."

Although the arms purchase only emphasizes the well known fact that China's military forces are inadequate in the face of Japan's tremendous and well-prepared war machine, Kung reminded:

"You must never forget our tremendous manpower. Our race represents one quarter of all humanity. Our national resources are unlimited."

"It may be possible that at the beginning of a war, the Japanese will be successful in a way, but the further they penetrate into China the greater will be their difficulties. Never forget the example of Napoleon in Russia; always remember the retreat from Moscow..."

Developing Resources

"China is capable of fighting and winning. Regarding our economic resources, we have developed them further than you think and the world will, I hope, never forget the danger to the whole of civilization inherent in Japanese aggression."

"All we ask is good will from the rest of the world, which we are happy to note, is rapidly increasing and we hope this good will will take the form of material help, because sympathy alone can do nothing."

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West Coast Labor Wants United Labor Day Parades

LABOR WANTS a united AFL-CIO Labor Day parade in every city on the Pacific Coast.

What occurred at the August 13 meeting of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, AFL, proved beyond a shadow of doubt that this statement is true, all the Buzzells and "Pedro Pete" Petersons to the contrary notwithstanding.

At that meeting, the reactionary forces in the American Federation of Labor were only able to muster the barest margin of votes in the Council, which has been stripped of so many progressive delegates by ousting of Committee for Industrial Organization unions, to defeat a proposal of the Industrial Council for one Labor Day parade in L. A.

The complete lack of union principles of the reactionaries in the AFL was brazenly exhibited by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, when he termed the speeches urging unity as "face-tious brotherly love bunk."

The deep-seated desire of every honest union man for united Labor Day parades is also revealed in Oakland where Vice-Mayor James Quinn, president of the AFL Building Trades Council, has been forced by rank and file pressure to recede from his original position that "AFL unions will never march with those of the CIO." Quinn was quoted by daily newspapers as saying: "Of course, the AFL is always willing that any organization follow the AFL in the parade."

The powerful sentiment for unity in the San Francisco labor movement can be seen in Central Labor Council Secretary O'Connell's statement that no union would be barred from the parade in San Francisco.

The rank and file of the AFL unions want to march with their CIO brothers. To secure united Labor Day parades in all West Coast cities, only requires that this sentiment be organized in all AFL locals via resolutions and motions for unity, so that those AFL officials who are blocking unity may know that they're "on the spot" on this issue.

The employers are launching new drives against both CIO and AFL unions. United Labor Day parades can serve notice on the employers that labor will defeat their open-shop plans, and will pave the way for greater united action by AFL and CIO for the betterment of labor.

Some Long Needed House Cleaning

ALL THE world hates a guy who says, "I told you so." And it is the greatest self restraint that kept us from saying it when we learned of the suspension of the California state organization of the Socialist Party by the National Executive Committee of the party.

But it is timely to recall the warning the Communists gave the Socialists of the dangers attending the admittance of the Trotskyites into their party. The embrace of the Trotskyites contains the kiss of death. Everything they touch withers.

Although belatedly, honest Socialists have learned these facts from bitter experience. The Trotskyite clique strangled the California organization, reducing it to a shadow of its former self. Not content with that, they plotted a nation-wide split within the party.

The plot to split is based in a letter from Ward Rogers, national representative of the party, to the California membership. Rogers wrote:

"The split perspective of the Trotskyite group can be amply proved by communications between their members and by the recent decisions of their national caucus leadership."

It is this splitting activity, the mark of the Trotskyite in any labor or progressive organization, which led to the expulsion of 52 of them in New York and now the suspension of the California organization.

This cleansing process is being hailed by honest Socialists everywhere. Now is the time to speed it, to rid the Socialist Party of the Trotskyite poison, and create the basis for an honest progressive party capable of growth, capable of cooperating with other progressive organizations in the battle against fascism and war, capable of bringing nearer the goal of all sincere Socialists—Socialism.

Unity Enters the San Francisco City Elections

A FORCE for unity has entered the San Francisco city elections.

Candidates put forward by the Communist Party have announced a platform which is the basis for a united campaign. And even as they enter the campaign, they announce

that a vital part of their program is a consistent effort to promote the formation of a united labor and progressive ticket—a ticket which will support the immediate, vital needs of the people of San Francisco irrespective of political affiliation.

A rapid transit system is one of these vital needs, but it must not become an instrument to load the backs of the masses with a terrific tax increase while serving as a source of tremendous profits to the bondholders. A new financing plan must be formulated to put the expense on the shoulders of those able to pay—on the big property and income groups who would profit most by the civic service it renders.

The city administration must take a part in the fight against the skyrocketing cost of living.

The corrupt ring in the city hall must be exposed and prosecuted as a necessary means of bringing about decency in government.

And an aroused electorate must put a stop to the injunction menace against organized labor and the drive to re-establish the anti-picket ordinance or any other laws directed against labor.

This can be accomplished with a united campaign of the great majority of the people—of the labor and progressive forces who want to bring it about.

Communist candidates are pledged to aid and support such a campaign and candidates who can represent it, even to the point of withdrawing their own individual candidacies where this will aid in the central task.

The Communist Party is the party of socialism. As such it is the party which fights for the immediate vital needs of the people and builds unity of the progressive forces to achieve them.

Negroes Force Company to Change Policy

NEGROES WON a major victory in their struggle for equal rights last week.

Picketing the E. F. Smith public market in Los Angeles, they gave notice to all the West that they will no longer tolerate the policy of growing rich off Negro patronage and refusing to hire Negro employees.

This victory is but an example of what the Negro people may hope to accomplish through solidarity with the workers and progressives.

It is an example for their struggles against other forms of discrimination.

Other business establishments, notably the S. H. Kress and the Western Auto Supply companies, while operating in Negro communities, refuse to hire Negroes.

High rents for virtual "slum" houses in segregated districts, exclusion from the personnel of governmental agencies, restrictive covenants, open humiliation in cafes and places of public accommodation—these and other forms of jim-crowism beset the Negro people wherever they live throughout the West.

Now is the time to attack and destroy them. In San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, Portland—in every town and hamlet this side of the Rockies, a wave of militancy rouses the Negro people to action.

Under the leadership of the National Negro Congress they are carrying the fight into the halls of Congress to renew the struggle for an anti-lynching bill; into the fields of the South, for government aid to the tenants and share-croppers; into the industrial centers of the middle West and Northeast, to demand adequate housing.

Follow the example in Los Angeles! Mobilize in one strong force the labor and religious groups, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Negro Congress.

In the West, the day of Negro oppression is coming to an end.

Is Hoover Smiling?

FORTY-SEVEN thousand people are a lot of people. It is even more than that when they are hungry. And hunger is the prospect confronting 47,000 residents of California and their dependents. That's the number slated for the WPA axe by October 15th.

Already 17,000 have been given pink discharge slips to starvation. Twenty thousand have the shadow of dismissal haunting them.

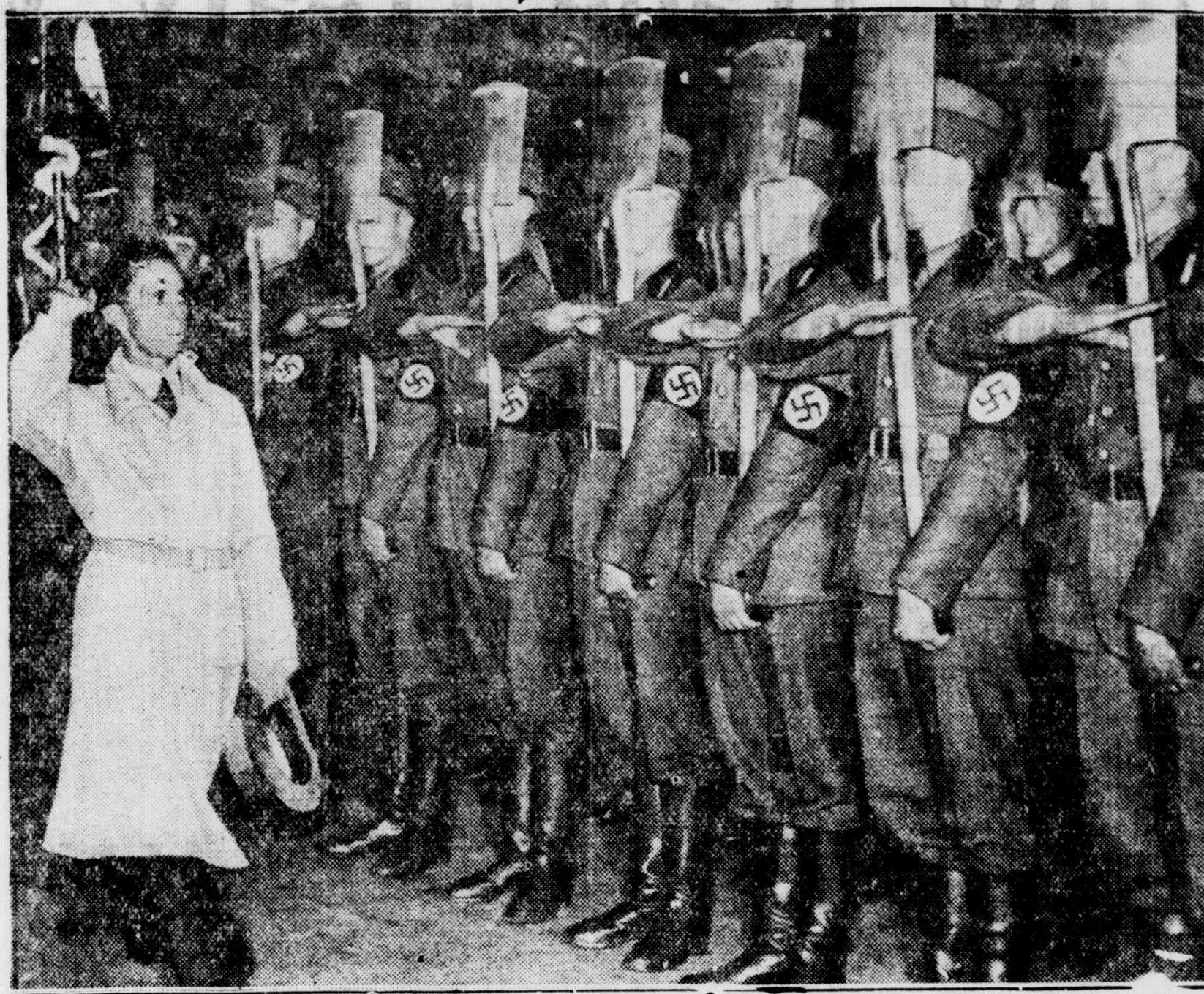
The Western Worker is of the opinion that if the American people believed in a system of mass starvation, Herbert Hoover would not be in retirement in Palo Alto today. Both in 1932 and 1936, they cast their ballot against hunger and for an adequate system of relief. The time has come for action to enforce the mandate of November, 1936.

Step by step the Tories in Washington have knifed the hopes of the people. They watered the housing bill down to such a shambles that not even a decent outhouse could be built under its provisions. They sniped away at the wages and hours bill. They effectively buried anti-lynching legislation. To top this record of infamy, they intend to adjourn without making adequate provisions for the unemployed.

Representatives of the people from throughout the country are in Washington to say they don't! A delegation, representative of every section of California is there. On Monday, August 23, they will present to Congress their demands for passage of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution which provides that no one shall be discharged from WPA unless they obtain a job in private industry at prevailing wage rates.

Those people in Washington need your support! Need the support of every trade union and progressive organization. Wire your Congressman today! Pelt the Tory Senators from California with resolutions and telegrams! Do it now! Help push through the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution and keep hunger from the doors of 47,000 California families.

LOS ANGELES AS FITTS SEES IT!



TORIES PLAN FOR 1938

By EVA SHAFRAN

The truth of the analysis of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, on the present political situation and the realignment of forces becomes more crystal clear and with every passing day.

Comrade Browder in his report and the resolution of the June Central Committee meeting points to two most significant factors:

On the one hand, the deep going development of the forces of progress move in the direction of an American People's Front—a Farmer Labor Party. On the other hand the forces of reaction are attempting as they have attempted in the elections of 1936 to consolidate their forces in a drive against the people.

California Situation

These developments are rushing in on California with great rapidity.

Here we also have a rapid growth of the great CIO movement; a beginning of the consolidation of the progressive forces within the Democratic Party.

The Los Angeles Times and Examiner, the spokesmen for all reactionary forces in Southern California) have started a drive. In the first place—their joint attack upon the CIO: "85 per cent of the recent strikes," howls the L. A. Times, "are not for higher wages and shorter hours but for power." That the CIO is "a Communist controlled movement," the Times and Examiner tells us, "is beyond any doubt."

The leading writers in the L. A. Times have for months now been advocating the "forgetting of party lines of division" and "unite all true patriots to maintain American democracy"—democracy a la Landon-Hoover, of course!

democracy a la Landon-Hoover, of course!

Tory Propaganda

Especially within the last two or three weeks the Los Angeles Times has driven away on this point.

On August 10th the Times devotes almost every important article to the question of consolidating the Tories of both parties in preparation for the 1938 State Congressional gubernatorial elections.

A first-page story displays with great prominence the news: "GOP PLANS ALLIANCE WITH ROOSEVELT FOES."

Reaction Plans Unity

Here the story is told of the plan of the Tory Democrats on a national scale. They plan the Times informs us, "to join the reactionary Republicans in a drive to capture the 1938 National Election. The Times hails the special mid-term convention of the Republican Party scheduled to take place sometimes next winter 'inviting anti-administration Democrats to run on the Republican ticket to the next Congressional election.'"

So inspired is the Times over this "great idea" that a news story is not sufficient. In addition to this there are two articles devoted to this question. Mr. Hall in his column "What Goes On" which proclaims to be a "non-political column" deals with this and Mr. Kent in his column glows over this splendid idea.

Says Mr. Hall: "Next summer's battle, the lines of which are already forming, doubtless will be along administration versus anti-administration, lines with the steadily growing possibility that the right GOPers can win."

He glows over the proposed special convention of reaction

(Republican Party):

"Properly managed such convention should succeed in getting a life line aboard a raft of great potential power that is at present adrift a troubled sea... Such convention under real patriotic leadership (and Hamilton, Landon and Hoover Very plain talk. It is no more riots" could map a new course to which every true American could conscientiously and enthusiastically subscribe."

Mr. Kent makes the point even more clear. He puts it quite simply. The next congressional elections must see a defeat of the pre-Roosevelt forces and the victory of anti-administration congressmen and senators. For this purpose, he says, it will be necessary to establish: "a non-partisan movement to support the latter (anti-Roosevelt candidates) in the general elections."

The "non-partisan movement," Mr. Kent makes clear, should be the reactionary forces in both Democrat and Republican Parties. He explains the position of the L. A. Times and the interests it represents, very clearly:

"It is the only way by which a practical and effective arrangement can be worked out for the congressional primaries and elections, next year... if united behind a single candidate instead of divided behind two, the anti-New Deal votes are strong enough to overcome the administration..."

People Must Act

Very plain talk. It is no more a secret. The forces of reaction are talking openly now of a reactionary coalition in the forthcoming 1938 State elections.

The question now must be placed squarely before the people in California: Reaction is attempting to unite its forces. The L. A. Times and the Examiner, its champion in Southern California, as seen in the above-quoted statements, are making no bones about it. What are the people-minded people in California going to do about it?

The Communist Party pointed to these developments long before the Tories of both old parties dared to come out in the open with their sinister plans. That is why our party so ardently advocates and works for the creation of a People's Front of all progressive forces ready to unite against reaction. That this line is correct and is of greatest need to the people cannot be denied by anyone standing for progress.

Road to Progress

The People's Legislative conference held in Santa Maria recently has given some answer: Fight for progressive legislation; investigate the possibilities for building a Progressive Political Federation to unite the progressive forces behind a progressive platform and candidates in the 1938 elections.

Work in this direction cannot wait. The reactionary forces are not waiting. They are beginning to put their plans into operation now. The people can't wait either. Let the progressive forces take up this challenge and begin now to organize a Peoples Movement in preparation for 1938.

Role of Our Party

In this work our party sections and units must become a factor. What Comrade Browder outlines in his report in the struggle for the everyday needs of the people in "building the American equivalent of a People's Front," must become the basis of our everyday struggle.

The movement for unity of the progressive forces in the 1938 elections can be extended and developed if brought before the masses in the Trade Unions, in the various mass organizations, the progressive-moving elements within the Democratic party in California. This can be done on the basis of developing local campaigns and struggles on issues most vital to the people in the various localities.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

San Francisco's Municipal Elections

In the so-called "off-year" elections, there is usually a great apathy and lack of interest on the part of the people, deliberately fostered by capitalist politicians, in order to make it easier to slip over reactionary candidates and measures without too much opposition. The press plays down the elections until the last few weeks. And by the time Labor wakes up, it is too late. This is likely to happen in the coming municipal elections in San Francisco for the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Education.

The Rossi administration is hoping that the Atherton report on corruption and graft will be forgotten by that time, and that it will be just a routine election. But the issue has not yet been settled, and those really responsible for the conditions revealed by Atherton are still running the city administration. Then there is the transit issue, and the attempt to revive the anti-picketing ordinance by the open-shoppers. The labor and progressive forces of San Francisco have not yet let themselves be heard. It is not too late for the labor movement to launch a movement to clean out the city government of grafters, to put forward a labor-progressive slate of candidates, and to use its power and influence for the benefit of the people in the coming elections, by independent political action.

Let the progressive unions call a conference on the elections. Let the progressive Democrats and the California People's Legislative Conference work with them for the naming of candidates and formulating a platform in the interests of the people. Let the unions organize Labor's Non-Partisan League, which has won such signal victories recently in Akron and Canton, Ohio, where it succeeded in nominating labor candidates for Mayor in the Democratic primaries by bringing out the labor vote. The Communist Party, although it has nominated its own candidates, will wholeheartedly support such a move, and is ready to give its backing to a labor-progressive slate of candidates.

State Federation of Labor

The convention of the California State Federation of Labor will take place in September. The blight of Paul Scharenberg and his reactionary policies was for the first time lifted at its last convention in 1936, which had a predominantly progressive character. But the promise of that convention quickly evaporated under a new blight, that of the new secretary, Scharenberg's successor, Edward Vandeleur. The latter has established a new all-time high record for union-wrecking, bureaucracy, company-unionism, and sell-out of strikes, which has cast discredit on the whole State Federation of Labor.

There is a strong revolt of the AFL rank and file membership against Vandeleur and his reactionary, splitting policies. There is hardly a union or Central Labor Council in the state, even where it is controlled by conservative officials, that would give Vandeleur a vote of confidence. In desperation, Vandeleur has resorted to wholesale expulsions and revoking of charters of CIO unions, even where those unions are still affiliated with Central Labor Councils. He is carrying out Green's splitting policies, against the wishes of the California membership of AFL unions. He blocked the attempt to submit these policies to a referendum vote, when such a challenge was made by Harry Bridges. And he arbitrarily ousted Bridges as vice-president of the State Federation, to which post Bridges was elected at the last convention.

Vandeleur hopes thus to get a majority at the convention, maintain his own position, and get an endorsement of his reactionary policies. He is so discredited that in his own union he was defeated when running for office. He has stooped to open collaboration with the employers, particularly the agricultural growers, and has resorted to crude red-baiting tricks such as charging that the "CIO-Communist combine want to ruin California agriculture."

The elimination of some CIO unions from the September convention should not weaken the progressive AFL forces, in the struggle against Vandeleur's policies. The AFL rank and file must mobilize to send delegates to the Long Beach convention to fight for progressive policies and labor unity.

IN THE COLD SIERRAS

By RAFAEL ALBERTI

Malagosto, strong and rude,
Keep this decent quietude,
May your steep and rocky trails
Glow with heat that never fails,
Hills by icy tempest swept,
Be like gardens, green and kept,
Lest the people's soldiers know
Bitter chill and early snow.
Melancholy autumn skies,
Dreary dark September days,
Do not harm the men who keep
Rifle under arm in sleep.

But up North, oh, in the North
Whence the fascists issue forth
Where the cross of black is put
Garnishing the bloated gut,
There let storm and sea-wind shake
Chattering teeth and bones that ache,
Strip the priestly robe and dress,
Chill the ugly nakedness,
There let wind and icy breath
Bring them soon the curse of Death.
Mountain-Winds that whirl and sweep
Over Marichiva's steep,
Cut like burning knives, and sear
Chubby cheek, and donkey ear,
Low hypocrisy, whose guile
Hides the snake beneath the smile.

O September wind and rain,
Be compassionate for Spain!

AROUND THE LEAGUE

YCL BUILDERS CONGRESS THROWS SEARCHLIGHT ON PAST SIX WEEKS

By BEN DOBBS

(State Administrative Secretary, Calif. Young Communist League)

The best builders of the YCL gathered for two days in San Francisco to dope out the strong and weak points of the present membership drive during the first six weeks. Not only this, but the congress also worked out the main features for the final six weeks' campaign.

The toughest part of the drive, that of breaking the ice, is definitely over and from the pep displayed at the Congress, we are very confident that the coming period will be doubly successful. The 313 new members already added to our ranks back up our confidence. Especially the Oakland experiences are significant: 26 of these comrades met, endorsed the quota of 100 by October 1st, and now have already added 52 new members to their ranks.

The congress put the searchlight on several things. It showed that we have grown where we have started to boldly change the YCL into the type of organization that will interest and educate youth.

Thus, the Lincoln Stephens Branch, the outstanding branch in the state, was able to recruit 30 members by developing interest groups of all kinds in the branch for its members. These groups include: a chess group, an artist group, a writers' group, a music club and others. We are told that the only night that there is no branch activity is on Saturday night. No wonder then that this branch has been able to do so well; hats off to the Berkeley comrades!

Another point brought out is the fact that the great majority of the YCL is not yet involved in the drive. 12 Branches out of 28 in Los Angeles have not even recruited one new member. The 15 comrades doing outstanding work in L. A. are able to account for more than half of the 189 new recruits. The remainder is made up of groups of young people that have affiliated with the YCL.

Let's Go Over the Top

When we have spread the experience of the Lincoln Stephens Branch to the rest of the League, and activate more of the members of the League in the drive, we will easily go over the top. This is the job the Builders Congress took upon itself. It is up to all of us to give them the necessary cooperation to make this successful.

The Congress honored the best builders by presenting them with William Z. Foster's book "From Bryan to Stalin." The best builders to date are:

Bill Brock of Pasadena: 19 new members.
Sam Botwin of the Jack London Branch: 16 new members.
Jim Hayes, president of the S. F. YCL: 11 new members.
Aubrey McDermott, Lincoln Stephens Branch: 10 new members.
Mary Harper, Patrick Henry Branch: 9 new members.
These are the comrades that are leading in the drive to win that trip to the Soviet Union. But the prize is not yet won, so come on gang, sign up for the trip!

New Voices for Our League

We are glad to announce that there are two additions to the hosts of bulletins which have been the spokesmen of the YCL in our State. "The Commentary," issued by the Public Relations Department of the Los Angeles County YCL is really something new. This bulletin will explain the stand of the YCL on the various questions of the day and will be mailed to the leaders of all youth organizations in Los Angeles. A bulletin just issued by the William Z. Foster Branch in San Francisco and designed to appeal to the young trade unionists of San Francisco, is "We Take Our Stand."

The famous and popular PILOT, erstwhile organ of the Administrative Department of the State Committee, is being changed into a fancy mimeographed magazine for the use of members. It will include stories, poems, plays, ideas for branch meetings, etc. Watch for it!! It is being edited by Eddie Alexander, State Educational Director. Earl Jordan, the young mimeograph genius, will continue to make this the most attractive bulletin in the country.

These bulletins should become models and inspiration so that every branch of the League will get out its own publication.

Rallies for Labor

Preparations for the Labor Rallies at which the YCL will explain its role, are moving ahead rapidly and we are sure that these will be the best rallies yet. In San Francisco Henry Schmidt, President of the San Francisco Longshoreman's Union, will speak, as will Archie Brown, well known youth Trade Unionist and member of the State Executive Committee of the YCL. The meeting is being held on September 3rd at Franklin Hall. The Oakland YCL is holding its meeting at the Oakland Civic Center on September 18th. All out for the rallies!

Hail Daily "WESTERN"

We also want to raise our voice in greeting Al Richmond, youthful new Editor of the Western Worker. We pledge the support of the YCL to aid in reaching the objective of a Daily Western Worker by January 1st. Here's to you, Al, we're right with you!

Young Men of Fourth Army Go Through Big Maneuvers With DuPont's Blessing

MORRO BAY, San Luis Obispo—The biggest troop movement America has seen since the last war of profits, took place last week as 56,000 young men in the brown uniform of the Fourth Army were put through open maneuvers.

Attending to the international tension, this is the first time the Fourth Army, involving the Seventh and Ninth Corps areas covering 16 Western states, has been called into the field. With headquarters established at this central bay north of San Luis Obispo the soldiers were divided into the defending "Blues" and the attacking "Browns." Then the assembled regulars and national guardsmen went through elaborate "war exercises."

ARMY MEN STUCK

Most of the regular army men, who composed the bulk of the participants, are enlisted for

three years at a basic pay of \$21 a month plus free food, lodging and clothing. If any would like to break their enlistment to get a job or marry, they can do this only at the end of the first year, and then a "purchase price" of as high as \$170 is required from the regretful recruit.

The day of these men when not on special duty is quite routine. Up at 6 a.m. for roll call and fifteen minutes of calisthenics, the rest of the morning after breakfast is spent on drill and manual military instruction. The afternoons are devoted to class training with a couple of hours off for resting. After supper, the soldier is "free" until 11 o'clock at night when he must be back in his quarters unless excused.

As the men are rarely stationed in the same town in which their families or old friends are

Young Girl Strikers on Picket Line Mean Business

CLERKS ASK DECENT LIVING OF DIME-STORES

By CLINT DUFF

(Editors Note: Six hours after this interview in San Francisco was had with the young pickets of the Retail Department Store Employees Union, the 400 lively unionists won their demands of \$20 minimum and union recognition after only four days of strike.)

"You know, Barbara Hutton splurges 25,000 bucks on one cocktail party while those babes over there struggle along on 48 a month." It was a broad-shouldered young Woolworth stockman speaking, his blue eyes flashing indignantly. We were sitting on the roof of 1067 Market, headquarters for the Woolworth-Newberry strike enjoying the morning sun flooding down on the improvised sun porch.

"That's all wrong," he continued with some heat.

"You bet it is!" chimed in the pert little red-head sitting beyond the skylight in blue shorts.

"Yeah, but it's only now that we're getting wise to ourselves and learning how to band together. By God," the stocky fellow of this continued, turning to me. "It used to be that the working stiff was the scum of the earth—that it was a disgrace to work with your hands and you oughta rise to something higher—Old Herb Hoover with all his poppycock about 'ragged individualists'—'ragged individualists' in 1933 if you ask me."

This crack was greatly appreciated by the other stockman and the dozen young girls waiting their picket duty.

Turning to blond Clara at my left I asked: "Well how is the picketing coming along—getting tired?"

WE GOT PEP

"Like the devil," she answered with fine scorn, "we've got more pep than ever. Why today we had to set up a nursery at 25 Taylor Street so the married gals could stick their kids in there and get in on things."

"Things," she meant singing on the picket line, playing games in the sun, and dancing at night.

"Have you been a trade unionist long?" I hazarded another query.

"I should hope to tell you—why I'm on the negotiating committee and I joined almost as soon as the union came—three months ago!"

"What are you out for?"

"Decent hours, decent wages, and respect for our union! Why say they weren't satisfied with paying us a measly \$16 a week. No, they had to work a slimy apprenticeship trick on us so we only got \$12 for the first six months."

OLD ARMY GAME

"And then they'd fire us and get a greenie," chimed in a pretty girl mending her silk hose over in the corner.

"Yeah, or by that time we'd be dead," joked another.

Then general laughter at this subsided quickly and all the young pickets looked unusually grave.

"Ann Crowley died yesterday of T. B.," explained the red-head to me, noticing my puzzled look, "and the doctor said it was because she worked too long in that clammy basement of Newberry's. The lousy bums."

"We'll show them!" she said as her young fellow workers nodded their firm assent.

"We'll show them!" such is the motto of the strong young forces now pouring into the labor movement through the CIO. Such is the spirit that is revitalizing the trade unions and sending labor to ever new heights of organization and victory.

located, they have little to do at night but attend the post's "movie" or wander off into town.

SOCIAL SECURITY BAIT

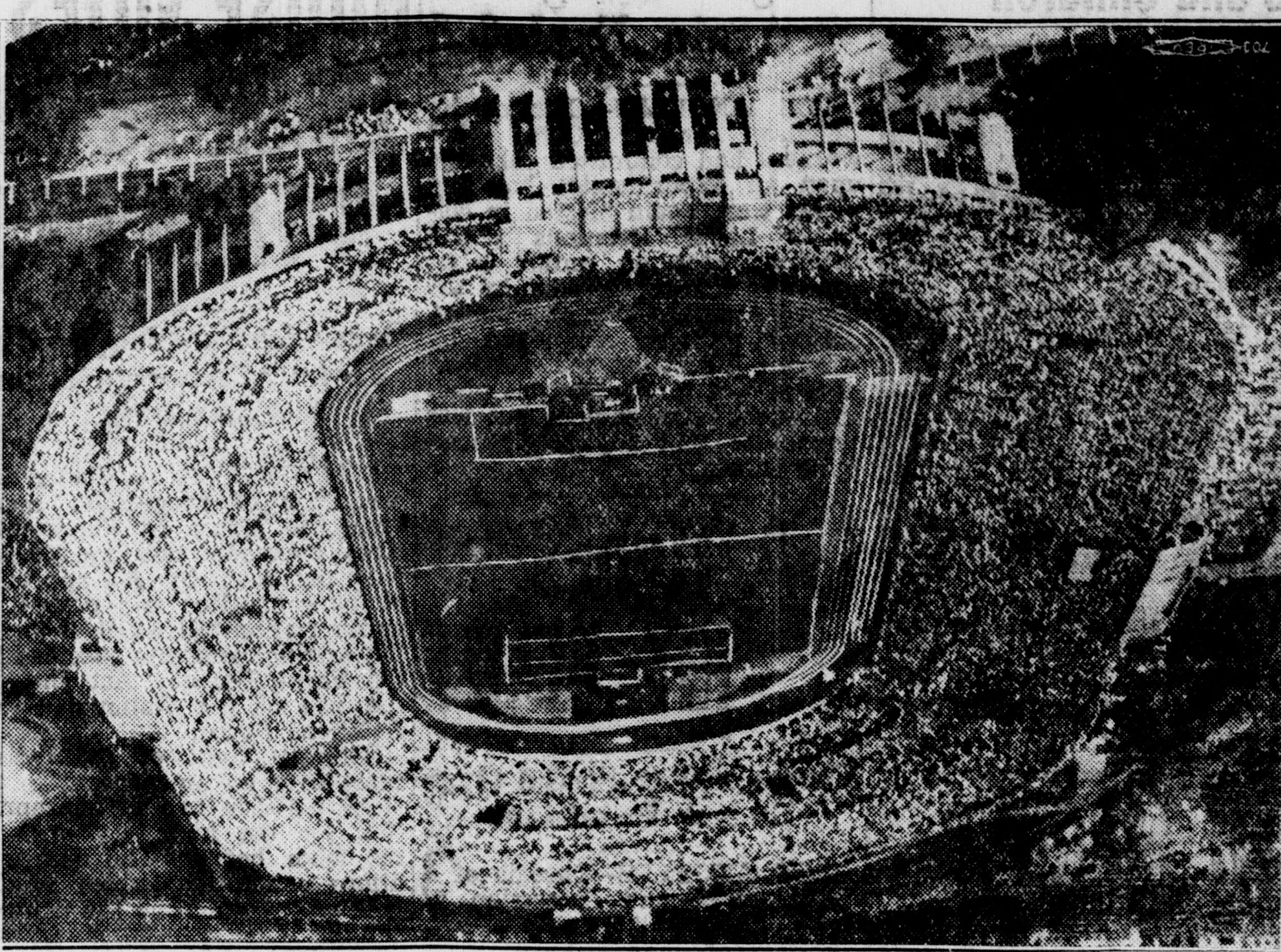
Significantly, the recruiting material now issued by the Army has social security not patriotism or adventure as its main theme. In a widely distributed booklet "The United States Army As a Career," rosy futures are painted of Master Sergeants drawing as much as \$157.50 per month as well as the pleasant prospects of retiring on three-quarters pay after 30 years' service.

Only rarely does the intimation of sudden and unnatural death creep into this literature in such phrases as "applicants must be single with no dependents," "in case of accident," etc. Even here there is the bright side: "In the event of death the Government meets the cost of preparing the body for the funeral and sending it to the soldier's family home."

Such material is distributed to strategic places such as National Youth Administration, employment bureaus, public libraries and other places where desperately unemployed young men find themselves.

The general social ostracization of American soldiers contrasts markedly with the Red Army Man in the Soviet Union, who besides often having family life is loved and respected by every Soviet citizen.

Where Sports Are Not Commercialized to Subsidize Education



WHEN SPANISH BASQUES and the sports society of the Moscow railroad workers battled for victory in a soccer match, ninety thousand Moscow workers crowded the Dynamo stadium to see the Spaniards win 5 to 1. No admission fees were collected to concentrate the burden of education onto the shoulders of the people.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS WANT DEFEAT OF REACTIONARIES

LOS ANGELES—Thirty young people gathered at the residence of Assemblyman Samuel Yorty on Tuesday, August 10th for the purpose of organizing the newest Young Democratic Club. The official name chosen for the new organization is The Westlake Young Democratic Club.

Jim Burford, prominent in Young Democratic circles, was elected president. Miss Ann O'Jolla, a Young Democratic leader recently arrived from Washington, D. C., was selected as vice-president.

The new organization is already planning study groups in which young people can exchange ideas and hear recognized authorities on all phases of the nation's political, economic and social problems.

Goals Outlined

President Jim Burford in outlining the objectives of the organization said, "We believe that it is possible to organize a large and vital club of young people who can be a powerful force for progressive action on the political field in the sixty-fourth district. We wish to provide a healthy and stimulating program of educational and social activities for the youth in our territory. With these activities we will provide the opportunity for action—action to put our political ideals into practice. The New Deal must rally the progressives to victory over the reactionaries in California in the 1938 elections."

A large community-wide affair has been planned for Thursday evening, September 2nd, the place and program to be announced through Shirley Bronson, Secretary, at 306 South Loma Drive.

Southern Youth Plan Legislature

LOS ANGELES—A referendum among the youth of Los Angeles on the question of holding a State Legislature at which only youth bills will be considered, and at which the lawmakers will be delegates from various youth organizations is being planned by the Southern California Assembly of Youth. This is being done at a series of buffet dinners at which prominent youth leaders are discussing the future activities of the Assembly.

The So. California Assembly of Youth now includes among others the Los Angeles organizations of the Christian Youth Council, American Student Union, Christian Endeavor, Young Communist League, Young Peoples Socialist League and the Southern California Epworth League.

Young Refugee Saved

NEW YORK—Hans Goepel, 26 year old, anti-Nazi refugee, facing deportation and death in Germany, has been granted a stay of deportation until September 1st, according to information received by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, and joined an anti-Nazi youth organization "The Iron Front," in 1928. After two years, he became a member of the Socialist Party and continued his anti-Nazi activity in the German Navy.

Soviet Boxers Mix In Championship Bouts of Country

MOSCOW—The Soviet's best 80 boxers from all parts of the Soviet Union have participated in the boxing championship this year. The competitions lasted nearly two months. At the beginning of July, the 16 who had remained in the ring appeared at the Dynamo Stadium in Moscow for the finals. Among them were 7 from Moscow, 4 from Baku, 2 from Leningrad, 2 from Tbilisi and 1 from Kharkov. The bouts were 6 rounds, 3 minutes each.

The fight between the old semi-heavyweight rivals Mikhailov and Stepanov, both of Moscow, was looked forward to with great anxiety. The Honoured Master of Sport, Mikhailov, is the most popular boxer in the Soviet Union, who has held this title since 1927. His most dangerous opponent was Stepanov, a younger man than himself and also well-known. In the end, they appeared in the ring. As in the five contests between them in the past, Mikhailov again succeeded in beating his rival but only on points. He won the championship for the tenth time.

Cyclists Congregate

MOSCOW—More than 150 of the best cyclists of the Soviet Union met towards the end of June in Moscow for the start on the All-Union Street and Country Cycling Championship races.

The full equality enjoyed by women in the Soviet Union in every field may be observed also in the role they played in these championships. Although there are many women cyclists in capitalist countries, they are kept out of contests for one reason or another. On the other hand, in the Soviet Union women have their cycling championships which call forth no less interest than those of the men. On this occasion, there were 36 women in the start of the championship of 50 km. The best team was that of the city of Gorky. Valentina Kuznetsova, Gorky, who is also one of the best skiers in the Soviet Union, and who won the cycling race last year, won first place. She covered the distance in 1 hour, 43 minutes 8.5 secs. Yushova, Moscow, won second place. Third place fell to Akifyeva, Gorky.

"New Frontiers" Yearbook Of YCL Nears Completion

Plans for the publication of "New Frontiers," the yearbook of the California Young Communist League, reached an advanced stage this week with the editorial board's request for photographs of YCL activities to include in the book.

Both amateur writers and photographers have been requested to submit material for publication. The book to be published by October 1st will have 50 pages, over ten of which will be given over to reproductions of photographs. 2500 copies will be printed on the first run.

Friends of the League are requested to send in greetings to the business offices at 121 Haight St., San Francisco. Individual greetings go at 50 cents a piece and special rates are available for greetings from organizations and firms.

ARE YOU
Going to Be
A LIFER?

EDUCATION BOARD TRIES TO SWING TEXTBOOK STEAL

SACRAMENTO—At a time when hundreds of young people through lack of money are unable to join the army of kids returning to school for the fall term the Board of Education tried to make a gift of \$167,000 to the Silver Burdett Company, a text-book publishing concern.

The contract, according to Walter Dexter, could have gone to the Bobbs-Merrill Company whose bid for language books in the elementary grades was \$14,900 or \$167,000 lower than the Silver Burdett bid of \$181,772. Dexter has refused to approve the contract which as yet has involved no outlay of money and stated that he intends to take the issue up with Governor Merriam.

The State Curriculum Committee specifically recommended to the Board of Education that the contract be awarded to the Benjamin Sanborn Company, which bids approximately \$55,000 under the Silver Burdett Company.

French League Shows Big Gain

PARIS—Youth of France gave a concrete demonstration of what anti-fascist unity of young people can achieve at the July congress of the Young Communist League of France. For this memorable congress 50,000 YCL-ers of Paris participated in the preparation while the gathering itself recorded a membership in the League of 98,664 for June, 1937.

This represents an enormous growth from the 11,360 members in 1934, the 29,133 in 1935 and the 52,512 in June of 1936. Together with this splendid growth in membership the circulation of the YCL paper "L'Avantgarde" has shown striking progress, increasing from 80,000 daily circulation to 97,000 during the first half of this year as compared to 41,000 daily copies on the first of January in 1936.

Vocational Training Measure Given Okay

WASHINGTON—The federal program of vocational education aid to the States was considerably expanded by an appropriation of \$14,483,000. This amount, included in the Interior Department's \$132,732,000 supply bill recently signed by the President, was budgeted \$10,000,000 above the pushed figure by a strong teachers' lobby.

Part of this money will probably be used to help the new Samuel Gompers Trade School get under way in San Francisco. This trade school, opening for the first time this year, will have day and evening classes in vocational and apprentice training.

Progressive Youth Center

PASADENA—The Pasadena Progressive Youth Center opened here recently at 871 N. Fair Oaks Ave. of this city with a peppy attendance of fifty youth. The center was established through the combined efforts of the Vanguard League, the Junior National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Pasadena Young Communist League.

BOOK REVIEWS

'NEWCOMERS AND NOMADS'; THE SAD STORY OF TRANSIENT YOUTH

NEWCOMERS AND NOMADS IN CALIFORNIA—by W. T. and D. E. Cross—Standard University Press 1937; \$1.50.

"The need of meager essentials of food and housing among the unsettled and migratory population was apparent during the year 1933 as never before," starts the preface to this account of transient problems in that year. Written by two social welfare workers who were in the thick of things at the time, the book does not attempt to give current data but is a detailed account of how the problem was approached in 1933—with the hopes that this information will aid in the handling of the still numerous "bundle stiffs."

AIMLESS YOUTH PICTURED

The plight of youth condemned to continual motion through the state, the West and the Nation, is particularly stressed by the authors.

AIMLESS wandering is the lot of these boys and girls on the road:

"A lad when questioned why he went from Portland, Oregon, to Pocatello, Idaho, replied: 'Oh, that's the way the freight train was going.' Such an irresponsible attitude," remark the writers, "is in striking contrast with the movement of people toward industrial, vocational, and investment opportunities which had heretofore characterized internal migrations in the United States."

Hazardous wandering is a better term, for during the first seven months 49 freight hoppers were killed and 117 injured in California on the Southern Pacific lines alone.

30,000 YOUTH ON ROAD

On the one-day census of September, 1933, 34,297 transients with less than 12 months in California were counted by social welfare agencies as were 46,677 more homeless persons who had been in the state more than a year. Of these, 18 per cent or about 20,000 were boys and 23 per cent or 25,000 were women and girls. Judging from the methods and type of investigators used, it is certain that these are all minimum figures.

What was done in 1933 about this outrageous situation, the socially minded reader will ask. Remarkably little, the authors are forced to admit although they enthusiastically flaunt evidences of the little aid that was given. In the winter and spring months of 1933, the Crosses recite, "fifteen thousand applicants were given subsistence in some two hundred and fifty camps" under state and RFC funds.

LABOR CAMPS FOR BOYS

In particular the Boys' camps established in the state during the autumn of 1933 were mentioned as a feature of the federal transient service. First developed were detention labor camps such as the one at Newhall where boys would go under voluntary commitment to the Los Angeles juvenile court.

Here, to the delight of the civic leaders of L. A., the boys were kept under police control and paid fifty cents a day until they earned the price of transportation back to their home communities in other states.

This sweet plan for self-liquidation of young transients was extended in the fall to include a recreational center within Los Angeles and a similar center on the peninsula south of San Francisco—both of quite limited facilities.

TRANSIENTS STILL AN ISSUE

The self-imposed limitation of the authors to the single year of 1933 has the unfortunate and perhaps unintentional implication that the transient issue as an acute problem is a thing of the past.

Then, too, by this restriction the Crosses completely leave out such choice examples of the true situation of migrants as are available in every day news.

Only a week ago, when the wife of a Missouri fruit worker gave unaided birth to twin girls in the family's "home"—a dilapidated trailer—the newspapers reported the following conversation which indicates more than many a book just what future the children of migrants have:

"Freeman Farmer, the father of the twins, admitted readily aid of a physician. 'Doctors,' he said, 'are something we don't very seldom have.'"

"Farmer was uncertain when asked how many brothers and sisters the twins had. 'Four boys and six girls,' Mrs. Farmer said patiently.

"Reckon you're right, maw," said Farmer. 'Can't keep track of the little critters, the way they're skedaddling around.'"

"Named your newest arrivals yet?"

"Sure we have," said one of the other children. 'They're named Merle and Pearl.'"

"Merle and Pearl, that's right," said Farmer. 'Kinda perty, ain't it maw?'"

"The tired mother, young only

in years, nodded her head wearily. 'Yeah!' she said. 'Kind of.'"

REASONS UNEXPLAINED

However, the worse failure of the small book is not bringing out the reasons why such a large per cent of California's population are migrants; that is—the highly industrialized agriculture of the state which has created and attracted a huge band of landless and homeless workers of the fields.

As the investigators stayed mainly in the cities, they saw the majority of the migrants of the state only when these were "holing out" in the cities on off-season months. The writers make little attempt to distinguish these unemployed agricultural workers from those that Marxists designate as "lumpen-proletariat," people unfit for work of any kind.

Thus we find in the book little of the transient youth problem in the fields such as is admirably portrayed in the SRA graphic survey of 1935:

"The children over four years of age run wild in the fields, learning the trade as their capacities and inclinations allow. Those over ten are expected to contribute mightily to the composition of real use in the cotton fields at 7 or 8 years of age and in the fruit at 12; and regardless of the generally supposed elimination of child labor, these children in season work hard from daylight to dark."

Here is the basic transient youth problem in 1937 as it was the underlying one in 1933; the more than 37,000 children of school age now working in the fields and missing security, family life, and education because of the avarice of the big money interests of California's crop land.

—E. J.

NEGRO YOUTH TO FEDERATE

LOS ANGELES—The drive for the Federation of Negro Youth Clubs will be formally launched at a conference on Saturday, August 28th. It is expected that some one hundred young people's organization will be represented at this conference with the Kappa Alpha Psi, leading Negro Greek Letter Fraternity, playing a foremost role.

Under the leadership of Mr. Percy Williams and with the active support of numerous prominent people in the neighborhood, the movement is gaining speed. Invitation has been extended individuals and organizations to join this movement by Rex, Baxter C. Dukes of the Christian Church at 32nd and Avalon Blvd.

L.A. Boy Sees Victory In Loyalist Morale

Dear Friend: The crisis in Catalonia has served definitely to force the CNT to abandon its anarchistic refusal to cooperate with the Popular Front against Fascism and to aid in throwing the main resources of Catalonia—Spain's richest province and the one least affected by



the war—into the Popular Front army with the definite and immediate objective of defeating Fascism in Spain.

As for the morale in Loyalist Spain, you may be sure that these people will sacrifice every last life rather than live under their former conditions, or submit to local or imported Fascism. The victory of Loyalist Spain is sure. These people will not be defeated.

And the morale of various groups which we need not mention is highest of all. I have seen them soaked with water, dry clothing nor dry place to sleep, singing as they marched—no complaints.

An amusing sidelight is the amazing variety of facial adornments. Whiskers of all sorts and for my own style I look like a combination of Don Juan, Clark Gable, with a slight dash of Iowa farmer.

There are three things we long for: decent coffee, some tobacco and a device to run up and down the seams of one's pants to determine whether there are lice there or if it is only the imagination after all. Salud!

J. B. Espana.

Labor-Progressive Conference Called on S. F. Elections

TO CONSIDER NOMINEES FOR CITY BOARD

'Honest Government' Party
July August 28 at Maison
Paul Restaurant

SAN FRANCISCO — Candidates in the coming municipal election will be endorsed and policies outlined at a conference of labor and progressive organizations called Saturday, August 28, at 2 p. m. at the Maison Paul restaurant, 1214 Market street.

Although sponsored by a group of progressive individuals, in the name of the Honest Government Committee, the meeting was initiated through the efforts of the San Francisco Council of the California People's Legislative Conference. The call was signed by Carl Rhodenhamel, executive secretary of the council.

Its sponsors are: Russell Powell, editor Pacific News; Dr. R. F. Rybins, Harold Sawyer, attorney; Richard Flamberg, Supervisor, Self Help Cooperatives; Rev. Herrick Lane, Sol Silverman, editor Eman-uel; Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, Dr. Thomas Addis, Henry Schmidt, Pres. ILLA 38-79; R. E. Shippey, secretary United Electrical & Radio Workers; A. E. Gwynn, Bro. of Railway Clerks; John D. Barry, S. F. News columnist; Carmelo Zito, editor Corriere Del Popolo; Claudia Williams, president Business & Professional Conference, YWCA.

"Organized labor is again threatened with an anti-picketing ordinance," says the call. "Initiative petitions are already being circulated to place this unfair measure on the ballot for the November 2nd City and County elections."

Officers of unions and other organizations not meeting before August 28 are urged by the call to attend unofficially or send observers. A luncheon will be held at 1 p. m. in the restaurant for those who come in advance of the meeting.

JAPAN SENDS THOUSANDS OF NEW SOLDIERS

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poison the water supply of the native city.

Japanese Shelling
Every maneuver of the Chinese took place in the face of tremendous shelling on the part of the well equipped Japanese war machine, from air, land and naval batteries.

Replying to attacks charging the Chinese with responsibility for killing foreign nationals in the International Settlement, Mayor Yu Hui-chung of Shanghai declared:

"As long as the Japanese use the International Settlement in Shanghai as a base for military operations against China, we shall be forced to stop at nothing to destroy the Japanese warships and their armed units."

Shanting Conflict Looms

Although new fighting loomed in the Peiping-Tientsin area where Chinese have held back the Japanese advance, the indications were strong that a major battle is in prospect in the popular Shantung Peninsula which stands between the two present battle zones.

In short, despite the evident strategy of the Japanese to "localize" the conflict it continued to spread to wider areas and to the greater advantage of the Chinese people whose hope depends on a national awakening for the defense of a country too large for the Japanese war machine to cope with as a whole.

Dispute Settled

PITTSBURG—Glen F. McCabe resigned as president of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers "in the interests of harmony and unity," under a settlement of an inter-union dispute, made by a committee of three by agreement at the union's recent convention.

LA FOLLETTE COMMITTEE VOTED FUNDS; MAY INVESTIGATE HENRY FORD EMPIRE

WASHINGTON—Continuance of the Senate investigation of violations of civil liberties was assured as the Senate voted the LaFollette committee an additional \$35,000 with which to conduct its work.

Although committee officials were non-committal, it was indicated that the next line of inquiry to be undertaken will deal with private espionage groups, vigilante activities and instances in various sections of the country. These phases of civil liberties violations have not yet been tackled and it is felt should be followed from beginning to end in order to picture the strike process.

Defend Their Homes and Children



LOCAL WOMEN BRAVELY JOIN RANKS WITH THEIR MEN TO HURL BACK THE MERCENARIES OF FRANCE AND HITLER. The heroism of these modern Amazons, like that of La Pasionaria, is the toast of the men in the trenches.

VICTORY AT SMITH MARKET SPURS L. A. NEGRO STRUGGLE

Communist Leader Urges Anti-Discrimination Fight Be Carried to Kress Stores

By PETTIS PERRY

(Organizer Goodyear Section, Communist Party, Los Angeles)
AT THE Smith Market, 43rd Place and Central Avenue, Los Angeles, over a period of months Negro people have been subjected to discriminatory practices, in spite of the fact that his market is right in the heart of the Negro district.

About three weeks ago six Negro boys reported to the Communist Party, Goodyear Section, that they had been thrown out of their jobs and replaced by whites at higher wages. This case was immediately reported to the National Negro Congress and action begun.

First it was necessary that a committee visit Mr. Scudder, the manager of the 43rd and Central market. According to his statement there had been no discharges. Further investigation proved the contrary. When on August 7th at a Communist Party meeting at 43rd and Central, one of the workers spoke who had been victimized. He gave the lie to this allegation that no Negroes had been fired.

'Come Back in a Couple of Weeks'

The Communist Party immediately attempted to negotiate with the General Manager, Mr. Wright, who informed us that he did not intend to meet with the committee for two weeks because he was too busy. An appeal was made to the community to boycott the Smith market.

At the same time a picket line was thrown about the market. Here it is necessary to point out that in spite of the fact that we were unable to draw the neighborhood into active participation on the picket line, the support given the pickets by the refusal to trade in the Smith market was marvelous. It was a common thing for workers to walk into the Smith market and immediately walk out upon learning what the picket line was for.

Many workers who did go in made statements that had they known they would not have gone in. As usual, the police department attempted to break up the picket line. Pickets who had their arm bands on, had them yanked off, but because of the proletarian discipline maintained by the pickets, the line continued. Two of the thugs from Hynes' "red" squad continuously tried to prevent them from explaining to the people the purpose of the picket line. One of them threatened to jail LaRue McCormick, Executive Secretary of the ILD for continuing to advise the workers against going into the market.

Two Hours Picketing Brought a Changed Attitude

A conference was arranged after two hours of picketing between Smith, Wright (general manager), Scudder (manager), a number of the people of the neighborhood, newspaper people, civic leaders, an ILD representative and a Communist Party representative and a representative of the National Negro Congress.

After quite a lengthy discussion

in which Smith tried to evade the issue by indicating that it was because Negro personnel was so hard to find that it wasn't possible to have any more employed at skilled jobs, which of course is ridiculous, Smith was told as much. He then agreed to hire not only 50 per cent Negroes as demanded by the committee, but made a statement that he would be willing to put on 75 per cent Negro employees if the picket line was removed.

The result was that immediately Smith and his managers began to realize themselves that there were colored people qualified for the different skilled jobs. One boy was put on in the delicatessen department, which department formerly refused to employ Negroes; one was put into the grocery department, which was the most important. As this is being written further steps are being taken to put in more Negro personnel.

Significantly enough, these workers have been hired at an increase in wages. Where, formerly, they had been paid \$16 a week, they now receive \$20 "to start."

Of course, this is by no means completely satisfactory, inasmuch as white workers on the same jobs had been paid \$22.50, but it is a beginning and indicates what can be accomplished in the future by similar action.

The Obvious Next Task The Kress Stores

The next job of the Committee is to begin to canvas Central Ave. for places that discriminate against Negroes. At the Kress Store, 4415 S. Central Avenue, we were informed that it was against the policy of the store to hire any Negro sales girls.

The manager was informed that this policy would be changed in less than three weeks. At this very moment we are issuing ten thousand leaflets to the community appealing for a picket line Saturday noon, August 21st, at that store to demand that 50 per cent of the sales girls be Negro girls.

Then Central Ave. Branch of the Western Auto Supplies Co. has no Negro employees and the manager absolutely refused to even speak to the delegation. A concerted drive is therefore necessary and will be made

throughout the whole of the Central Avenue area, in order to break down every vestige of discrimination. The victory won at the Smith Market will be an inspiration and will encourage the people of this area to go forward in such a struggle. This was exemplified first by the fact that the workers at the street meeting on Saturday, August 14th, immediately donated for the issuing of material to the neighborhood; secondly, by the mass sentiment already created which is now being expressed in every barber shop, pool hall and beauty parlor up and down Central Avenue.

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Douglas Charges Again Exploded

LOS ANGELES—Charges by Douglas Aircraft Corp. that workers had committed sabotage upon an experimental bombing plane, were again blasted in National Labor Relations Board hearings here on unfair labor practices charges brought by the United Auto Workers of America. B. M. Oberg, employed by Aircraft Industries, Inc., testified he was sent to the Douglas plant to inspect some engines but was unable to find anything resembling sabotage.

L. A. TORIES HIT RELIEF

Threaten Tax Strike Over Budget Provisions

LOS ANGELES—Threats of a "tax strike" and "secession of Los Angeles city from county government" were heard here August 14, when close to 400 representatives of taxpayers' organizations appeared before the Board of Supervisors to protest the largest preliminary county budget in history.

Led by the Chamber of Commerce and the Property Owners' Association of California, the attack was directed against an increase of \$13,000,000 in the budget proposed for the fiscal year of 1937-38. Last year's budget totaled \$56,792,000, while the one proposed for the coming year would spend \$69,543,000.

Despite repeated demands from the Communist Party and liberal and progressive organizations that the rich who have the money bear the burden of heavy taxation, chamber of commerce representative levelled their attacks on proposed expenditures on relief.

Col. Federation To Boycott AFL

DENVER—The Colorado State Federation of Labor "will have nothing to do with the American Federation of Labor convention" meeting here in October, declared State Federation President Frank Heffler last Wednesday.

"The Colorado Federation did not invite the AFL convention here and will not be represented by a delegate at the convention's session," said Heffler, after announcing the State Federation is paying salaries of three Committee for Industrial Organization organizers in Colorado.

CIO Wins Elections
NEW YORK—The United Shoe Workers of America, CIO affiliate, won a collective bargaining election over the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, AFL, in a poll of 79 New York City shoe factories.

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HOUSE VOTES LABOR BOARD & FARM FUND

Overrides Cuts Proposed by Tories of Appropriation Committee

WASHINGTON — Under the broodings of progressive members, the House of Representatives overrode two reactionary cuts proposed by its appropriations committee and passed an appropriation bill which included the original amounts specified for the Farm Tenancy Act and for the use of the National Labor Relations Board.

Bitterest fight of the debate came over an amendment to restore \$867,500 to the appropriation for the increased work of the labor board. The appropriations committee, which is also holding up action on the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution to protect WPA jobs, had trimmed this amount off the requested figure, despite the fact that the work of the board had increased by ten times since the April 12 decision of the Supreme Court validating the Wagner Act.

Narrow Vote
The vote on the amendment was 25 to 12.

"If you want to give life to the Wagner-Connelly Labor Relations Act, rise in your places and support this amendment," urged Representative Mead (D., N. Y.).

Leading the Southern bloc and other reactionary opposition, Representative Rankin (D., Miss.), attacked the CIO and charged the board with favoritism, virtually admitting that his opposition to the appropriation was a direct attack on the board.

Tenancy Funds

The House also overrode its appropriations committee by restoring the \$20,000 provided for in the Jones-Bankhead Farm Tenancy Act, half of which is to go for loans to enable tenants to purchase farms and the other half to go for soil conservation work in the "dust bowl" areas. Even the \$20,000,000 represented a tremendous cut in the original proposals of the bill.

Today the noble phrases have been slightly changed. "Fair wages, reasonable hours, and proper working conditions will be demanded by the committee for working people," etc., etc.

However, subsequent to the Republic Steel massacre in Chicago, a national vigilante committee was organized, to spread over the entire nation. Many of the names appended to the manifesto of the 1937 Law and Order Committee have heretofore failed in the present professed zeal toward "fair wages, reasonable hours, and proper working conditions." The sincerity of this committee may best be judged by the names of its sponsors.

Where have we seen them before?

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DEFEAT McADOO UNLESS NEBLETT'S POWER IS REMOVED—BYRON SCOTT

WASHINGTON—Defeat of Senator William G. McAdoo in the 1938 Democratic primaries unless his law partner, Col. William H. Neblett, is stripped of backstage power, was advocated here by Representative Byron Scott, Long Beach, Calif., Democrat.

"I have seen the results of Neblett's power in California politics, and I don't like them," said Scott.

He charged that Neblett was responsible for the removal of U. S. Attorney Pierson M. Hall of Los Angeles and of the latter's predecessor, Henry H. McPike. The reason, he said, was that they refused to take orders from Neblett.

McAdoo, who is generally known as a partner of Neblett in politics as well as in business, took cognizance of the open threat of rift in the party by assuming "sole responsibility" for the dismissal of Hall.

'Law and Order' Of 1916 Revived

Leaders of Mooney Frameup "Volunteer" Again

By DEAN BESHLECH

SAN FRANCISCO—Whether they like it or not, the citizens of San Francisco are told they are going to have their interests "protected" by a new law and order committee organized ostensibly for the solution of labor problems "before they begin."

As in the manifesto of the Law and Order Committee of 1916, the new group prefixes its program with noble phrases. The 1916 organization stated in its preamble, "The program is founded in a spirit of love for our city, a recognition of the wonderful opportunity of her people, and a belief in her great destiny. The Law and Order program insists upon a respect for the Constitution of the United States, a respect so deep that it may not with impunity be assailed, etc.—American flag, etc."

Soon followed the smashing of the seamen's strike, the framing of Tom Mooney and Billings, and the passage of the anti-picketing law in the created wave of hysteria.

The work was done quietly and is even yet partly veiled despite the presence of several canons within the building.

A series of mass meetings is being planned by the East Oakland Branch No. 2 of the Communist Party to protest this use of the building, which was constructed with the aid of WPA funds.

Use of the building for drilling by the national guard, and its equipment for this purpose, has been overshadowed in the public mind because of its occasional use for horse and flower shows, at which times the barracks, officers' quarters and store rooms are barred to the public.

National Guardsmen regularly drill in the building and hold target practice.

Judges "On Spot" For Refusing to Issue Warrants

SAN FRANCISCO — Compelling five municipal court judges—Hans Boden, Thos. Prendergast, Thos. Foley, Twain Michelson and Frank Dunn—to show cause why warrants should not be issued for arrest of two Teamster Union officials for beating two CIO Filling Station Employees Union officials, a peremptory writ of mandate was filed last Wednesday with the county clerk.

The judges must appear in superior court within 10 days to return an answer, under the writ secured by Attorney George Andersen for Jerry Callahan, president of the Filling Station Employees Union, one of the two beaten several weeks ago by Joseph Casey and Tony Costa, Teamster officials.

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Co. Union Propaganda Is Flop In Tuolumne County

Tuolumne Workers in Speedy Rally to CIO

Timber Workers Union Getting New Members Day-by-Day

By a Worker Correspondent
TUOLUMNE—The workers on WPA, relief, and unemployed were happy when they heard the government had made a loan of \$2,500,000 to the Pickering Lumber Co. which will begin to operate after a layoff of seven years.

The county paper write-up went after the workers "for organizing against the company that is going to give people employment." They said the "professional labor organizers were here on hand to interfere with workers who had had a long siege of unemployment" and that the labor leaders were here "to extract money from the workers."

Proposed Co. Union
The Pickering Lumber Co. put in a good word by saying that the AFL and CIO are outsiders and what was needed was a "home town union."

But the workers had had seven long years to think about why the company had been shut down leaving them to shift for themselves while the employers and stockholders of the company felt no depression.

Workers Joined CIO
In spite of the AFL officials who then were supported by the company, the workers rallied to the CIO and a charter was secured and they now have a membership of several hundred with more coming in every day.

Some time ago some CIO men were laid off but the National Labor Relations Board arrived and put a stop to that. Homer F. Varner, president of the local, was one of the victims but he was reinstated and the others also. Also the first company union was broken up by the Labor Relations Board.

But the labor hater never quit and they are forming a new company union and are again laying off CIO men and non-members too, so as to cover up their purpose.

Unity Will Win
There are a hundred and one different grievances here. That's why the workers are organizing. Only unity among the workers in the back woods will solve questions of better working conditions in the mills and logging camps.

Need 100% Strike In Oroville Inn

By a Worker Correspondent
OROVILLE, Butte County — There is a strike going on here at the Oroville Inn Coffee Shop. The management of the extra large hotel doesn't want to recognize the union, Bartenders, Cooks and Waiters, but the smaller places have recognized the union.

The Oroville Inn is a luxurious place. Parasites nestle there in comfort. Meals are sky-high—way too much for us "low brow" work oxes. So we who work need not think about any of the modern accommodations in service at the Inn. This outfit wants non-union conditions, cheap labor, slave conditions and long hours.

Need 100% Strike
The American Federation of Labor is leading the strike. The mistake that the AFL is making is an injury to organized labor. The AFL hasn't organized the other workers in the hotel, and they are still working. These policies are pure and simple sabotage to union and organized labor.

The workers out on strike should demand the AFL officials demand the rest of the workers and bring them out on strike. If the AFL officials don't do this, then the strikers should form their own rank and file committee, or get in connection with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

How to Win
If this isn't done, chances are some fake non-union policy will be injected and accepted which will mean a setback to the workers. If the entire hotel is pulled out on strike, the workers will win their demands.

The AFL has been approached on different occasions here on the question of organization of common laborers. Personally I have approached the AFL on this.

Turn Toward CIO
Now if the AFL doesn't organize us workers, we will prepare our basis here to start organizing the CIO. I have connections in the Swanes Sawmill, some cannery workers, odd job men and common labor workers, who want unions. Besides we will organize the WPA workers into the Workers Alliance.

All we have to do is start organizing. Sabotage from AFL leaders will not last much longer here. We aim to be organized here, and we will show some one that we are tired of conditions and want unions.

Why Foster Dairy Lunch Was Struck In San Francisco

By An Ex-Worker for Foster's
SAN FRANCISCO—With Foster's employees on the picket line for union wages and conditions, it may be interesting to review some of the conditions which Foster workers have endured for long years. Even under NRA with the 40-hour week, which was a relief after the 12 to 14 hour days of

LABOR BOARD HEARINGS FOR TIMBER UNION

Westwood Workers Vote To Affiliate With CIO International Union

By a Timber Worker
WESTWOOD, Lassen County—I promised to write and give you some news on the hearings conducted by the National Labor Relations Board over bargaining rights for the employees of the Red River Lumber Co. The hearings were held in Susanville, 23 miles away from Westwood, and the workers would not go. That is, all those who were in a position to testify that the company or the company union used influence to solicit members in the company unions known as the Industrial Employees Union, Inc., on company time. Therefore the board could not very well make a decision for an election in Westwood.

Election to Be Held
However, trial examiner Clifford O'Brien said that "to all indications it pointed out, an election should be held to iron out the deadlock." He said he could make no decision, that the order would have to come from Washington, D. C.

I have interviewed our president of our union, CIO Local Industrial Union No. 38, and he has assured me that an election will be held in Westwood under the auspices of the NLRB. The rank and file of our local union have voted unanimously to affiliate with the International Woodworkers, CIO, another progressive step for the workers of Westwood.

Victory for the CIO is in the air. Enclosed please find \$3 money order for a new subscriber.

PICKET LINES FIRM AT L. A. RETAIL STORE

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES — Some 300 members of our Credit & Collection Employees Union No. 20369 are on strike at the main stores of the Eastern Outfitting Co. The strike was called upon refusal of the company to sign a contract with the union, an American Federation of Labor affiliate.

The union demands call for a 40-hour week and wages ranging from \$20 to \$40 a week, depending upon the character of work required, and a closed shop agreement with the company.

On refusal of the company to sign the union demands, a strike was called and a strong picket line was established around the main store and has been extended to all branch stores in L. A. County. The picket line has been peaceful and there has been no disorder.

The union is requesting the cooperation of all union men and women, as well as the consuming public, to support them in their struggle for better working conditions compatible with the American standard of living.

(NOTE: Other unions on strike at Eastern Outfitting Co. are Retail Shoe Salesmen, Retail Clothing Salesmen and Haberdashers, Building Service Employees and Teamsters—Workers Correspondence Editor.)

Radio Telegraphists Win Labor Poll

WASHINGTON—The American Radio Telegraphists Assn., a CIO affiliate, was designated as the exclusive bargaining agent for the live traffic employees of the RCA Communications Inc. by the National Labor Relations Board following an election in which 335 votes were cast for ARTA and 121 against.

Extra Day Meant Little
While they had two days off a week, seldom if ever were these days permitted to come together so that the worker could have time to take a fishing trip or roam out into the sunlit country away from the bakery and restaurant smells. Of course on \$16 a week, workers could not afford to go far anyway.

Overtime has always been a common element in the Foster working conditions. If the worker asked in a nice way for payment of his overtime, he might get it, but only straight time. If he was at all persistent, well, there were other jobs, you know—maybe.

Women workers received \$12 a week for a 49-hour week, and those who worked in the Commissary, were required to come in or go home at all hours of the day or night, without permit of the State Industrial Welfare Commission or without the additional compensation required by that body to be paid for midnight hours.

Technical Pay
Since these women workers were theoretically supposed to be paying \$1 a day for meals, which cost the Foster capitalists not over 50c, they were technically making \$18 a week, which was way above the minimum of \$16 a week prescribed by the Commission.

Porters received \$14 for a 49-hour week which was usually more than that, and since they, too, were required to pay \$1 a day for meals, which cost the Foster capitalists not over 50c, they were technically making \$20 a week. Even after the Janitors' Union was organized and secured contracts for \$115 a month, Foster janitors were still getting less than \$60.

After NRA
Foster dishwashers have received about \$135 a day, and there have always been plenty of openings here, no applicant having usually to wait over 48 hours to "get on."

After NRA, the commissary hours for bakers were changed to 44, which often ran to 48, and the basic pay was moved up to \$18 a week, but this was for a six-day week instead of five.

Formerly no bonus was paid at the end of the year, but two years ago the management decided to "give" \$5 to each worker, and last year, following Roosevelt's surplus profits tax, Foster capitalists became "generous" and workers who had been in the company at least a year were given a week's wages as bonus.

"Bonus"
Subsequently it was announced that workers would share in a participating bonus to be paid quarterly, which would be paid from surplus profits. The managers of the various bakeries and restaurants finally received this bonus, and the shop workers saw none of it.

Largely from this time dates the beginning of union sentiment in the shop, and this sentiment has been snowballing to result in the present walkout.

Foster's has offered the 40-hour week and a slightly higher wage, which, however, is still below the union scale.

Big Co. Profits
In the meantime, Foster stockholders, which means largely the big Backford restaurant chain in New York, have been receiving \$1.15 in dividends for every \$15 share of stock, about 8 per cent on the investment. Apparently these owners of uneared profits have been quite satisfied with their "wage," for we have noticed no sentiment in favor of a stockholders' "strike."

Bosses Mistaken
These two-bit bosses thought Fort Bragg workers were cowed and would stand any amount of graft, mistreatment and slave driving, but they were badly mistaken.

The people have always been at the mercy of the Union Lumber Co. officials, the grafters, and the hired liars and apologists of one of the rottenest, lousiest, low-down systems of wage slavery in the state, but at last the workers have organized and the bosses are scared stiff.

We have a union and will fight for it. All hell and high water can't stop us now, for we are right and have justice on our side.

ARE YOU Going to Be A LIFER?

Where Tall Corn Grows for Low Prices



MIDWEST FARMERS can grow tall corn, but Wall Street and the "middle-men" see to it that they get very little cash for their produce. Photo shows prize-winning corn from Iowa and Wisconsin exhibited on the capital grounds at Des Moines, Iowa; Gov. Kraschel of Iowa is shown pointing to Iowa exhibits, while at his side walks Gov. Phil LaFollette of Wisconsin. Congress has yet to pass legislation which will secure the farmers a greater share in what they produce, legislation which Gov. LaFollette has given active support.

CONSERVING COMPANY FORCED TO REHIRE STRIKERS

48 Men Taken Back After Company Union Is Allowed to Pass On Them

By a Worker Correspondent
HAYWARD, Alameda County—The will of the California Conserving Co. was carried out by its company union when it reinstated striking workers, overruling its own decision passed on motion in the union that it would not allow re-employment of any worker connected with the recent strike.

Eighty-four strikers were granted re-employment by the executive board (when the Labor Board put pressure on the company) at a hearing in which they were questioned for activity in the strike. Only one, Ray Wilkinson, Hayward union leader, was denied re-employment.

Cordoba and Nunes (charged with assault and battery and convicted of disturbing the peace) were excluded entirely from the hearings.

The executive board divided itself and received two workers at a time. The line of questioning was generally the same for each worker examined:

"What union did you belong to?"
"Are you still belonging?"
"Do you still belong with any union?"

"If we called a strike, would you go on strike with us?"
Following the questions each worker was required to hear a mumbled and rapid reading of a long document which they were required to sign. The document was a parallel of the yellow-dog agreement forced down the throats of the workers by State Federation of Labor, chartered by Vandeleur and with the signature of the workers bound them to support the provisions of the agreement, which prevented striking, allowed no regulation of hours, and had other anti-union features.

A great many of the workers appearing before the board have already returned to work, due to pressure applied on the company by the National Labor Relations Board.

At the present time there is a great deal of disgust felt for the AFL officialdom in the Agricultural Union local at Santa Paula.

The local sheriff's deputy and the superintendent of the orange shed hid behind the garage and spied on workers and threatened to have all fired who attended the meeting.

Wednesday night we were halted just as our well-advertised meeting got under way at the Community Center in Oxnard by a delegation including the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the chief of police, members of the sheriff's force and the entire Oxnard city council.

Vigilantes Stopped Meeting
We undoubtedly would have recruited more than a hundred had the meeting not been stopped.

We held a CIO meeting at Camarillo in a garage building with Filipino, American, and Mexican workers present, including quite a few from the Camarillo Orange Shed.

The reason given was that the Community Center could not be used for any meeting of a controversial nature such as the Committee for Industrial Organization. One of the councilmen is a boss in the sugar factory and a member of the AFL company union there.

Banning Workers Out Solid in Tunnel Strike

Ernst Ducks Rank-File Criticism in S. F. Hotel Union

By a Hotel Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—To the membership of Local 283, Hotel and Apartment Clerks and Office Employees, Brothers and Sisters:

At the last meeting of August 10, Mr. Hugo Ernst, international vice-president of the Culinary International Union, exposed himself as a self-elected

omnipotent dictator. Not only did he conduct the meeting in his own way, regardless of "Order of Business," but he alone was allowed the floor, and he sanctioned his own decisions as well.

In his instructions to new members, Mr. Hugo Ernst emphasized, rather unconsciously to judge from the laughter of the audience, the democratic principles upon which Local 283 was founded.

Ernst Ducks Criticism
The "democratic principles" were, however, radically suppressed during the proceedings. The obligatory "Order of Business" was absolutely ignored. Point 10, WELFARE OF THE ORDER, under which the membership is supposed to bring about questions and inquiries regarding the labor movement in general and regarding the problems concerning themselves in particular, was intentionally withdrawn. Mr. Hugo Ernst succeeded, through his deceptive maneuver, to elude criticism for his SELF-OUT policy.

The outcome of the strike was a great victory for the workers, the humble opinion of Mr. Hugo Ernst. The workers, apparently, were not convinced to that effect. It had been reported that SCABS still occupied positions and that strikers were refused their old positions.

Where Is Hiring Hall?
Mr. Hugo Ernst had informed us that the union was recognized and also the hiring hall, that all the hiring should go through the union. Any such written agreement was, however, never before the membership. A great majority of the membership is therefore skeptical whether an agreement to that effect is really in existence.

In his initiation speech, Mr. Hugo Ernst referred to the report about the SCABS: "It's up to you fellows to get rid of the scabs. You have to get 90 per cent organized, then you will be able to clear the hotels from them."

It is rather a "fishy" story, the story about union recognition. In spite of the said agreement that all the hiring shall be done through the union, it is up to us to "get rid of the scabs."

Attacked CIO
Mr. Hugo Ernst referred also to CIO: "Because of certain circulating rumors about an eventual affiliation with CIO it will be necessary to call your attention to a few things. Personally, I believe that there is room for two organizations, considering the great amount of unskilled labor in certain industries, which have been neglected by the AFL."

Brothers and Sisters of Local 283—Attend the meetings and assist the progressive elements! Demand that everybody asking for the floor gets it! Demand that point 10, welfare of the order, be properly taken up at every meeting! Demand that you, the membership, be asked whether members in opposition to labor fakers shall be thrown out by cops or not! Demand that the "cop" be removed from the meetings! If anyone needs to be thrown out, the membership, are more than able to perform that particular task, even if the object of your dissatisfaction happens to be Mr. Hugo Ernst himself.

(NOTE: Ernst recently attacked the Western Worker in the Central Labor Council, and then shortly thereafter wrote a letter to the S. F. Examiner praising the Hearst paper to the skies.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

Blue Card Shower
That the Metropolitan was acting under misapprehension was evident, when this report of the union committee of Local 270 brought a shower of the pink blue cards into the air from the remaining members who had been intimidated into joining the company union.

The spokesman of the negotiating committee spoke the sentiments of the packed house when he reported: "Brothers, the cigars are in order. A baby has been born and its name is Strike. The notorious Metropolitan threw it in our lap. It's up to us to rear this child."

The Metropolitan thought that recent disruptions by their planted agents in the union had laid a basis for support to the pink union. But they are learning that the miners won't split.

Scab-Herding Sheriff
The company's hope evidently relies on Sheriff Rayburn who is personally supervising an "order restoring" squad of 50 deputies. Small town terrorist Carl Rayburn may learn a big lesson that his fascist dealings with helpless wandering transients hasn't taught him yet.

Oakland Warehousemen Strike Libby Warehouse
OAKLAND—Thirty-five Warehousemen's Union members, including 10 women, are on strike at the Libby, McNeil & Libby dried fruit warehouse at the foot of 14th St., demanding prevailing pay rates of a 70-cent per hour minimum in place of the previous 50-cent rate. The company refused to renew its agreement with higher wages.

Blow to Union Busters
PHILADELPHIA—Steps were taken here toward the formation of a common defense against "all enemies of labor including company union builders," at a conference of officials of hosiery, clothing, radio, steel, building trades and printing trades unions representing 125,000 dues-paying members of both AFL and the CIO.

Walgreen Chiseling In Palo Alto Also
By a Worker Correspondent
PALO ALTO — Scabby Dr. Walgreen, who profits from the Walgreen drug chain and who is intimidating some of his employees from joining the unions in San Francisco and Oakland, is also running a chisel outfit here. Walgreen's pays below the union drug store scale. The local community is noting that Walgreen's is on the unfair list and should be boycotted and picketed.

Foot Long Beards
KANKAKEE, Ill.—After sitting in their rivals chairs and announcing that they would stay there "until every man in town had a beard a foot long," union barbers won a short lived strike here against cut prices offered by non-union barbers.

Needy March on Capital
NEW YORK—An army of 3000 needy New Yorkers prepared to join thousands of unemployed throughout the country in a march on Washington to demand adequate relief appropriations.

Sole Bargaining Rights, Ousting of Company Union Demanded

By a Tunnel Worker
BANNING, Riverside County—The Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct workers are out solid on the San Jacinto Tunnel.

Strike action, which began at 3:50 p. m. Saturday, August 14, when the Metropolitan Water District refused to negotiate, completely shut down the tunnel project. District Superintendent D. C. Ledbetter conceded. There are 1500 workers out on the five divisions—West Portal, Potrero, Lawrence Adit, Cabazon and East Portal.

98% in Local 270
The members of the union, which have increased since the strike vote from approximately 75 per cent in good standing to 98 per cent at present, are working their regular shifts, either on the picket line or in committees.

C. J. Powers, international organizer for the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, reporting to Local 270 Friday night following dead line hour for the company's decision to negotiate, said that he went along with the committee to Los Angeles and

At that moment a riot almost took place. A great majority of the audience protested loudly, and many asked for the floor, which was then "democratically" refused. One however, took the floor and commenced to criticize Mr. Hugo Ernst because of his attempt to scare the members from making decisions in their own organization. The sympathy for CIO was predominant to judge from the applause.

Sensing the danger of this unmistakable manifestation of the membership, Mr. Hugo Ernst violently refused the speaker to continue. He called the "cop," who probably was posted there for a certain obscure reason, to throw him out of the hall.

Ernst and Democracy
This sinister attempt of Mr. Hugo Ernst to use force in order to prevent the membership from using their "democratic rights" did not, however, work out so satisfactorily, but he succeeded in keeping the floor to the end.

The negotiating committee reported that the Metropolitan answered them "no" on the basis that another group was represented.

Company Union Move
The group referred to, the San Jacinto Recreation and Safety Club, had sent its generals, five pink foremen under the direction of Asst. General Manager Berkholder and Supt. Ledbetter. These representatives of an alleged 500 men, reported their club members to a man wanted to make no demands other than that they be permitted to come to the company only as individuals in one big happy family—workers and bosses together.

Blue Card Shower
That the Metropolitan was acting under misapprehension was evident, when this report of the union committee of Local 270 brought a shower of the pink blue cards into the air from the remaining members who had been intimidated into joining the company union.

The spokesman of the negotiating committee spoke the sentiments of the packed house when he reported: "Brothers, the cigars are in order. A baby has been born and its name is Strike. The notorious Metropolitan threw it in our lap. It's up to us to rear this child."

The Metropolitan thought that recent disruptions by their planted agents in the union had laid a basis for support to the pink union. But they are learning that the miners won't split.

Scab-Herding Sheriff
The company's hope evidently relies on Sheriff Rayburn who is personally supervising an "order restoring" squad of 50 deputies. Small town terrorist Carl Rayburn may learn a big lesson that his fascist dealings with helpless wandering transients hasn't taught him yet.

Oakland Warehousemen Strike Libby Warehouse
OAKLAND—Thirty-five Warehousemen's Union members, including 10 women, are on strike at the Libby, McNeil & Libby dried fruit warehouse at the foot of 14th St., demanding prevailing pay rates of a 70-cent per hour minimum in place of the previous 50-cent rate. The company refused to renew its agreement with higher wages.

Blow to Union Busters
PHILADELPHIA—Steps were taken here toward the formation of a common defense against "all enemies of labor including company union builders," at a conference of officials of hosiery, clothing, radio, steel, building trades and printing trades unions representing 125,000 dues-paying members of both AFL and the CIO.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Wagner Act still violated by Grass Valley mine owners---Seattle Guild strike news---Story of a company town---ILA 38-79 condemns disruptive attacks on affiliation to CIO---Additional labor news on regular news pages

'Modesto Boys' Acclaim Drive for Daily Western Worker

FROM SAN QUENTIN CELLS, VICTIMS OF STANDARD OIL FRAME-UP ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Workers Should be Proud Of "Western," Writes Reuel Stanfield

California State Prison, San Quentin, Calif., August 11, 1937.

Dear Friends: Needless to say, I am happy today. I have just heard that the WESTERN WORKER is going to be made a daily paper. Of course you know that we are not allowed to receive it. I am thinking of the day when I can take a copy and sit down to

Pinch-Hit for Modesto Boys!

In their San Quentin prison cells, Vic Johnson and Reuel Stanfield, who were railroaded to prison two years ago in a proved frame-up by Standard Oil Corp., are wishing they were free so they could help the drive for a Daily Western Worker by January 1, 1938, by getting new readers and donations from their union brothers on the San Francisco waterfront. Help the Modesto Boys in their desire to see a Daily "Western" by pinch-hitting for these martyrs of labor in the coming drive, starting Labor Day, September 6!

read the truth about what is happening. The workers must feel happy now to know that they can get a real paper every day and not have to wait half a week for it. Now that you are making it a daily paper, there is no doubt in my mind that every worker will subscribe to it.

The workers ought to be very proud of you. To think that they are the first real honest workers' paper to give them a daily news on the west coast. No joking, what are the phony's going to do now? They cannot use the old excuse to buy the "Hearst Sheet" any more. They used to say that they had to buy it to receive the daily news. Now you are taking their alibi away from them.

More power to you. I wish it was possible for me to come out there and help you get every worker to subscribe to such a paper. There is no doubt but what this is one place where a worker could do something for his fellow man.

Hoping that you will be the vanguard for a Farmer-Labor Party and the CIO.

With the best of wishes and fraternal greetings, I am one of your hearty supporters.

FRUEL STANFIELD, No. 58034.

Vic Johnson Congratulates On Drive to Launch A Daily Paper

California State Prison, San Quentin, Calif., August 11, 1937.

Friends: Congratulations on your drive to make the Western Worker a daily! It will mean much to the rank and file of labor to have a daily paper that will put their story before the public—an organ that will spread the gospel of unionism and support without reservation the struggles of the workers.

Such has been the policy of the Western Worker. Such, I am sure, will be the policy of the Daily Western Worker. I am glad to hear that you are growing proud to know that labor is giving you the recognition that is due you—particularly proud to know that my brothers of the maritime unions are pledging themselves to help you over the top in your drive for a bigger and better and more frequently published Western Worker.

Let the voice of the workers speak daily!

FRATERNALLY YOURS, VIC JOHNSON—No. 58032.

So, Dakota Labor Fed. Urges Unity Between AFL, CIO

RAPID CITY, S. D.—A resolution calling for unity between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization has been voted by the South Dakota State Federation of Labor. Albert Maag, who supported the resolution, was elected president.

The convention assailed a recent statement by Gov. Leslie Jensen, threatening CIO organizers as an attack on all organized labor. The delegates voted to continue cooperation with the Workers Alliance.

A resolution calling for the cooperation of all liberal and progressive groups for the most effective means of support and action for social labor legislation was also passed.

Strike Closes Two Foster's Dairy Lunches in Oakland

OAKLAND — Foster Dairy Lunch places here at 467 14th St. and 2338 Telegraph Ave. have been closed here by the strike of 600 workers in San Francisco. The strike is a result of the company's refusal to bargain with the union.

MARINE LEADER



MERVYN RATHBORNE, A LEADER developed from the ranks of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific is Mervyn Rathborne, now head of the CIO Maritime Industrial Council in New York City, and a member of the national CIO executive body.

RABID ANTI NEW-DEALER SPEAKS TO WEIRTON CO. UNION

Sen. Holt in Bitter Attack On National Labor Board

WEIRTON, W. Va.—Senator Rush D. Holt, rabid anti-New Dealer Democrat, addressed a meeting of Weirton Steel company union employees with a vicious attack on the National Labor Relations Board.

Most of the people in the audience belonged to the Weirton Employees' Security League, which the Labor Relations Board has proved is a company union.

Holt also attacked the CIO and the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee. Weirton Steel is bitterly anti-union and is noted for use of terrorism against workers wishing to join bona fide labor unions.

Business Agent Bob Says

THE services the Market St. Railway affords in San Francisco (one-man cars, two-cent transfers) reminds me of the man in a hurry, who beefed at the conductor: "Say, can't you run any faster than this?" "Yes, I can," said the conductor, "but I have to stay in the car."

MINERS' UNION HITS ATTACK ON LABOR'S RIGHTS

Grass Valley-Nevada City Mine Owners Violate Wagner Act

NEVADA CITY, Nevada County—Continued abuse of the rights of members of Local 283, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO in violation of the Wagner Labor Act, is scored in a resolution recently adopted by Local 283, as follows:

WHEREAS: The Twin Cities Miners Union, Local 283, IUMM & SW, has now been organized since February 26, 1937, in the Nevada City-Grass Valley gold mining district of California, and

80 Men Locked Out WHEREAS: During this time, our members and their organization, have functioned strictly along peaceful and constitutional lines in the attempt to maintain just and harmonious relations with the gold mining companies, and

WHEREAS: Denial of meeting halls, threats of vigilante violence, personal and group discrimination for union membership and activities, a lock-out of some 80 union members—has been our lot in the struggle for the constitutional right of joining a union of our own choosing, and

WHEREAS: Excepting the Lava Cap Gold Mining Company, with whom we have contractual and harmonious relationships, there is still being practiced a shrewd and cunning game by the larger mining operators of victimization and discrimination, discharge and lay-offs of our membership, and

Protest Wagner Act Violations WHEREAS: These practices continue, despite the hearings of the National Labor Relations Board held in Grass Valley June 30 to 31 of this year; which hearings, clearly exposed to all impartial and unbiased people, the illegal industrial practices against our members in the Old Brunswick Mine, in particular, and other mines of this district in general, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By Local 283, IUMM & SW, in regular meeting of August 10, 1937, that we publicly protest the abuse of our rights as listed above, and hereby cite the provisions of the Wagner Labor Act as an authority for our contentions, and, it is further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt, Chairman Madden, of the 20th region of the NLRB; Secretary of Labor Perkins, John L. Lewis, chairman of the CIO; and John M. Sherwood, secretary of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; and to all state labor press, and to all others who may be concerned.

SEATTLE STAR STRIKERS IN NEW NLB PLEA

Publishers Claim Pickets "Unlawful" in Charge To Labor Board

SEATTLE—The Seattle Star has filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board against the Seattle Newspaper Guild, accusing the Guild of "illegal practices" in the strike against the Star.

Although all force and violence on picket lines was precipitated by the Star owners in cooperation with Czar Dave Beck of the Teamsters' Union, the employers charge the Guildsmen acted "without regard to law and order."

Meantime the Star management has been notified to appear before a second National Labor Relations Board hearing to face charges of locking out 59 Guildsmen.

Beck Raids Guild Sixty-three members of the Guild walked out when 19 circulation department Guildsmen were ordered to join Dave Beck's Teamsters' Union or lose their jobs. They voted unanimously to remain with the Guild.

Dave Beck turned his beef squared loose on the Star pickets. Several were beaten, including Jack Heise, president of the Star Guild Unit. Beck has had the cooperation of Mayor Dore and other Seattle officials in his reign of lawlessness against the Guildsmen.

Circulation Drops Paul O'Neil, a reporter covering the story of the Teamster attack for the Seattle Times, was also beaten by Beck's "goons."

A door to door canvass by the Guild has cut the Star's circulation by 20,000 since the strike began on July 3. Reorganization of the strike was suggested by Morris Watson, international vice-president of the Guild. A strategy committee of three has been elected. The Guild shares headquarters with the CIO Fur Workers who also are on strike.

Baltimore Seamen Aid Elicon Crew

BALTIMORE—An appeal has been sent by Chairman Patrick B. Whalen of the Baltimore Maritime Council to the Greek legations in Washington and London, to King George II at Athens and to the Rethymnos Kouloukountin Co. at London to protect the crew of the S. S. Mount Elicon against threatened prosecution for protesting against spoiled food and refusal of pay draws. Baltimore seamen aided their Greek fellow workers while they were in this port.

'Focsle and Dock'

By DON RUSSELL

There's something, shall we say, very strange, about this reported "opposition" to the CIO on the waterfront. Everywhere you go the seamen and longshoremen are talking CIO—and the sentiment is overwhelmingly favorable.

Down below in the engine room of a certain ship the other day a group of men were discussing the question.

"The Sooner the Better"

The first assistant struck the line when he declared, "it's got to come sooner or later. The CIO has the dope. The sooner we get in the better off we'll all be."

A fireman wiped his hands on a piece of waste, lit a cigarette and flipped the match to the deck.

"I don't know what th' hell is going on up at meetings these days. I got disgusted last time and left in the middle. Some guy kept spraying the back of my neck every time he got the floor. Meetings are just plain dog fights. But I voted for the CIO and I'll do it again if I get a chance."

On deck a bunch of sailors were having a discussion up near the foc'sle head. They felt the same as the men down below.

Sailors for CIO

"Haven't we always been for industrial unionism?" an old timer asked. "I don't know what all the fight's about. It's got to be going. But I'm all for the CIO, personally."

There was no one to give him an argument.

And that's the way it goes. Over the bar, on the street, in front of the dock, in the lunch room, they're all talking CIO. There's little or no open opposition. Even sailors and firemen are wearing CIO buttons.

About the only place the opposition gets a hearing is meetings and in the capitalist press. There's something phoney somewhere.

NMU Laughed Down Red-Baiter

At a final session of the recent National Maritime Union Convention in New York, a seaman was asked to read a list of little plain and fancy red-baiting. He accused the Communists of everything from wrecking unions to dictatorship. He pointed out the Communist delegates on the convention floor and then sat down.

The delegates roared with laughter. One Communist even got up and protested because he hadn't been named by the delegate. Another delegate moved to thank the entertainment committee for the excellent comedy.

So much for red-baiting on the East Coast.

Waterfront "Shindig"

There need be no Saturday night indecision, no question of "where th' hell shall we go?" this week-end.

The San Francisco Waterfront Section of the Communist Party has a ready-made solution to all

UNION BARES CEMENT FIRM GRIP ON TOWN

Union Was Locked Out By Cowell Portland Cement Company

COWELL, Contra Costa County—Locked out here, Local 356, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, has issued a four-page leaflet entitled "Peonage in California—Read this story of a company town, a company store, a company hospital, a company boarding house and the conditions that prevail with the Cowell Portland Cement Co., trying to organize a company union."

The leaflet reads:

Boss Red-baits "The Cowell Portland Cement Co. owns the town of Cowell, where cement is handled. The Mt. Diablo brand of cement is made by this company. Today the members of Local 356 are locked out by the Cowell Portland Cement Co., because they joined a union of their own choosing and dared to protest at bad food, unfair practices and intimidation from the company."

W. H. George, secretary and general manager of the company, is the chief of the red-baiters, baiting the CIO as communistic.

"Why don't you join the AFL?" Mr. George asked the men. "If eight of you will sign an application I can get an AFL charter for you."

"But the men went CIO and are staying CIO."

"And here are a few of the reasons why all unions should brand the Cowell Portland Cement Co. product, Mt. Diablo cement, unfair and put the company in the 'We Do Not Patronize' List."

Company Boarding House

"Employees making \$4 a day are forced to pay \$1.38 a day for the worst kind of food and service. Unsanitary, chipped dishes, poorly cooked stews and beans, powdered milk—or no milk at all; when a man kicks about the food he is fired on the spot. Anyone refusing to board at the company boarding house is fired. Men are forced to pay for meals even if they never eat there."

Company Shacks

"Married men are forced to rent company houses and pay \$25 to \$35 a month, not including light bills. If there is a furnace on the place, employees are charged \$5 a month even though they do not own a car."

Company Hospital

"Employees are forced to pay \$1 a month hospital fee although they receive very little benefit from it. Some men, who were injured, were set to work washing windows with one hand until completely recovered. Then they were fired. This stunt keeps the company from paying compensation."

Company Elections

"During the last gubernatorial election the company told its employees how to vote and said that if anyone voted for Sinclair the company would find out and that would cost those voters their jobs, according to employees of the company who were so intimidated. The same thing is done during Contra Costa County elections. This company is willing to take over the task of thinking for its employees."

Company Store

"If you don't buy your supplies from the company store, you will swiftly receive letters demanding to know why you exercised your free will to go elsewhere and do your purchasing."

Company Union

"To remedy these conditions the men organized into Local 356 of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. W. H. George, official of the company, called the union men into his office and tried to get them to quit their union and join the AFL. He had the application blanks and showed correspondence with the AFL. In view of the fact that Edward Vandeleur is handing out charters with a fountain pen attached so the boss can fill in the names of his stooges for nothing more or less than company unions, the men refused."

"He then tried to bulldoze the men into a company union. Failing in that he locked the men out."

Brother Unionists—declare the Cowell Portland Cement Co. unfair to organized labor and place a ban on Mt. Diablo cement as an unfair product."

Automat Pickets Cheered

NEW YORK — Thousands of people cheered and applauded the pickets before 44 Horn and Hardart automats in a strike of over 2000 members of three AFL and one CIO union.

Ford Siooge Says UAW "Nonentity"

DETROIT—The city of Dearborn, Mich., where King Henry is the king pin, does not have a labor government.

When the United Auto Workers asked for legal protection in advance of its mass distribution of literature to Ford workers, City Attorney James E. Greene replied:

"We have carefully investigated and find no actual existence of such an organization, registered as a firm, partnership, person or persons doing business under an assumed name and in accordance with the statutes of the state." And further Mr. Greene concluded that the UAW, well known to the workers, "is a legal nonentity."

Picketing Rights Upheld By Court

MILWAUKEE—Setting a precedent for other states, the Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled unions may picket a shop even if there is no strike. A lower court decision was appealed by the American Furniture Co. against the Clerks' Union.

Unions Form CIO Council

SEATTLE — The Northwest Council of Cannery, Packinghouse & Agricultural Workers (AFL) composed of nine unions voted to form District 1 of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers (CIO) during a convention called for the purpose of hearing the reports of the Denver convention where international union was set

S. F. Longshoremen Censure Anti-CIO Disrupters---ILA 38-79 Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO—In a mass meeting last Monday night, the San Francisco Longshoremen censured three of its members by a vote of 2700-300 for sending letters to other longshoremen locals on the Pacific Coast attempting to reopen the question of affiliation to the Committee for Industrial Organization in a disruptive manner.

In a special bulletin issued August 12, ILA 38-79 publicity committee outlined the situation which led up to last Monday night's action. The bulletin reads: "NOT AN OFFICIAL ORGAN: 'The San Francisco Longshoreman' is not the official organ of Local 38-79 and the statements contained therein are not the majority sentiments of the ILA 38-79 membership." This was the action the Executive Board took on Wednesday night, August 11, at their regular weekly meeting. On Wednesday morning the "Front" was distributed on the "Front" by James R. Kennedy and Lawrence Mallen. Kennedy's name appears on page 2 as editor.

DEMOCRACY — MAJORITY RULE: The question of CIO affiliation and the 2100 pound coast-wise load limit was determined by a coast-wise referendum. The majority members voting decided to affiliate to the CIO and for the 2100 pound load limit. These questions were also carried by a majority vote of the 38-79 membership. Therefore, all officials, the executive board, and all members are duty bound to carry out those decisions. That is the basic principle of democracy—rule by majority.

PAPER MISLEADING: Inasmuch as "The San Francisco Longshoreman" contained misleading headlines and misinformation, and against the majority

decisions of the membership; therefore, the executive board instructed that this SPECIAL BULLETIN be published.

LETTER TO WHITNEY: At the last regular meeting of Local 38-79, Brother Bridges read a letter which was addressed to G. Whitney, a member of 38-12, Seattle. This letter was written on official ILA 38-79 stationery, without authorization, and signed by Ralph Mallen, Henry Schimpf and James Kennedy. Considerable discussion was gone into, and due to the extreme importance of the issues involved, a motion was made and passed that a special meeting be held Monday, August 16, Dreamland Auditorium. The letter in question is to be the first order of business, and a thorough discussion will be held on all points concerning it. The officials were instructed to thoroughly publicize this meeting to get a maximum attendance so the greatest number of members can be present when the issues are thrashed out and decisions made.

DANGERS AHEAD: Although "The San Francisco Longshoreman" states: "It is not our intention to split the Local," nevertheless, if the policies as outlined in the first issue are carried out, they will definitely split the Local. Every member knows that the AFL has nothing to offer us and never did back us up in any of our struggles. All the gains that we made, were made despite the AFL leadership. In 1934, didn't Green issue a public statement that the west coast maritime strike was an outlaw strike? Every member remembers the terrific fight we made over the heads of the teamster officials for the support of the rank and file teamsters. We won their support and kept it. Who

was the longshore leader who won the support of the teamsters from under the domination of the teamster officials? Any child can answer that one.

WHERE TO? Let us not become confused between the AFL rank and file and the AFL dictator officials. The membership of the AFL are 100 per cent union men, but the officials and their bureaucratic actions have kept the AFL from growing. They have kept 30 million American workers unorganized. The AFL officials are more concerned with jurisdictional disputes than they are with organizing the unorganized. The AFL officials were moving in on the ILA, claiming the Warehousemen whom the ILA organized, as coming under teamster jurisdiction. In Seattle, Dave Beck and his goon squads went to the Seattle docks and claimed the jitney drivers for the teamster. It is needless to say, the goons were chased off the docks.

CIO OFFERS NATION-WIDE UNITY: The AFL officials were ready to dismember the organization (the ILA) which the members built through struggle and heroic sacrifice, and distribute here and there piece meal. It became necessary for the ILA to become affiliated to another organization which would give room for expansion, which would help in establishing a democratic and progressive longshore union at the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, which would drive for national unity of all maritime unions thru a national Industrial Maritime Federation. The CIO offers all these possibilities. We, the longshoremen and other maritime workers, with aid of CIO, will establish them.

WHAT IS THE AFL DOING: Across the length and breadth

of the United States, the AFL is setting up a network of company unions. Edward Vandeleur recently issued a charter to the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union in Salinas—the largest of which is a uniformed policeman. The AFL has no national policy concerning national unity of the maritime workers.

The 1936 AFL Convention went on record against a National Maritime Federation. Although the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation has been organized two years, the AFL, including Ryan, refused to recognize it. The AFL has nothing to offer the workers except company unions, dictator officials, autocratic decisions and disunity.

CORRECTION: The MEBA (Marine Engineers) contrary to the statement in "The San Francisco Longshoreman," has already accepted a provisional CIO charter.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM: The members of any democratic organization should practice honest and sincere criticism of their methods of organization procedure and work. Constructive criticism will uncover the weaknesses and prevent mistakes. However, no one could classify the "San Francisco Longshoreman" as a publication devoted to a policy of constructive criticism. Many principles are attacked, but there is not one line devoted to bringing forth a program—How to strengthen and build a more unified labor movement—How to achieve national unity—How to organize one national Seamen's Union in the nation—How to build a nationwide democratic and progressive longshoremen's union—How to build a national Maritime Federation. These are the questions the maritime workers are concerned in.

The CIO has offered a program to achieve them; however, suggestions and plans are always in order to do it the easiest and quickest way. A great labor leader once said, "If you want to learn, always go to the workers; sometimes the most complex questions are answered by the rank and file." In this case it is up to the rank and file to judge whether the "San Francisco Longshoreman" has offered any kind of a program whereby the above points can be won.

WE DID IT: It might be proper at this time to answer a couple of questions which are asked in the "San Francisco Longshoreman." Under the heading "Seattle Mayor Puts Thumbs Down on CIO—Bridges' Ex-pal Renigs" it is asked: "Where does that put the ILA Local in Seattle? Can they battle the City Government, the Teamsters with Dave Beck, and the Central Labor Council and win?" To answer it briefly, YES. Why? Because the maritime workers of the Bay Area defeated all those forces in the heroic 1934 strike. The maritime workers faced the provocations and terror of a hostile anti-labor city and state political machine for 84 days and won. The leaders of the '34 strike backed by the rank and file of the maritime strikers appealed to the membership of the Teamsters Union for support over the heads of their officials AND GOT IT!

SABOTAGE BY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL: The San Francisco Central Labor Council set up a strategy committee of seven (possibly better known as the "tragedy committee") to break the maritime strike and to head off a general strike. Did they? Of course not. The rank and file members of the Bay Area trade union move-

ment supported the strike 100 per cent despite the sabotage by their officials and this committee of seven. By a 3-day general strike they further demonstrated the solidarity of labor. The strategy committee was able to confuse the workers and by a phony ballot the general strike was declared off. It was called off, by the way, to defeat the maritime strikers and force them to stampede back to the job. But did they? Absolutely not. An orderly retreat was made. The workers returned to the job and by a series of job actions (which was timely then) the longshoremen won considerable betterment of their conditions, shorter hours and a pay increase. Trade union history was written in that struggle.

WHAT MADE THIS VICTORY POSSIBLE? A determined, and understanding and fighting rank and file; and an honest leadership that applied the correct strategy and tactics and knew when to retreat.

MUST FACE FACTS: Nobody would ask to go through that struggle again; that is why it is absolutely necessary that the workers DO participate in political action to put men into office who will support labor and who will fight for labor. VICTORIES ARE NOT HANDED TO THE WORKERS ON A SILVER PLATTER—THEY HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THEM. The west coast maritime workers are pretty practical when the issues are clear, they will certainly fight. Their glorious record proves that. If the Seattle longshoremen are faced with certain problems, they have to face them and no doubt by following a correct program, they can overcome them.

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